





# Things to do this fall in the Highlands

The Haliburton Highlands is arguably at its most beautiful during late September and early October as the leaves turn shades of amber and crimson and the air is cool and fresh.

Take some time to check out the following events across the region to take in all that the season has to

#### Colourfest Haliburton – Sept. 29

There's a big fall festival happening downtown Haliburton all day Saturday, Sept. 29.

Colourfest, an annual event put on by the Business

Improvement Area, includes music, food and activities against the backdrop of Head Lake and the village's downtown.

Attractions include a farmers' market, vintage cars, giant pumpkin guess-the-weight contest, pet contest, corn roast and more.

There will be dancing in the street, music by several local bands, a fish pond for kids and a chance to meet different kinds of wildlife.

For more information, go to colourfest.ca or email info@colourfest.ca.

The event runs Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Keith Rydberg Artist Talk – Sept. 29

Local artist Keith Rydberg will be meeting the public from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton (23 York Street) on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The artist will discuss his show at the gallery titled 'Cat-astrophe... and other things."

Rydberg creates reliefs in wood, which "come alive with humour and insight into the nature of cats (and other things as well)," a description of his show reads.

Contact the gallery at 705-457-2330 for more information.

#### Harvest Harmonies - Sept. 30

Every year, a dedicated group of women from across Haliburton County get together to celebrate the season and raise money for other women in Africa.

The local chapter of Grandmothers to Grandmothers hosts a spectacular afternoon of delicious goodies, good music and fall festivities with money raised going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help grandmothers in Africa whose families have been affected by HIV/

Drop by Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast, 17359 Highway 35 north of Carnarvon on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. to take part.

There are unique gifts to buy, a chance to rest your feet and have a snack.

#### Kinmount Farmers' Market -Sept. 29 and Oct. 6

The weekly market has just two dates left for the season. Visit the market, located off Main Street Kinmount by the Burnt River near the Railway Station to find organic produce, homemade baked goods, soaps, handcrafted artisan work, maple syrup, beef, lamb and chicken. You can also hear terrific musical perfor-

For more information, email info@kinmountfarmersmarket.ca or call 705-799-1237.

#### **Haliburton County Farmers' Market –** Sept. 28 and Oct. 5

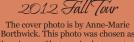
Along the shores of Haliburton's Head Lake, you can find area farmers selling their goods from 2 to 6 p.m. Fridays until Oct. 5.

Each date has a specific theme with a focus on a specific food. Past events have included a feature on sauerkraut, mushrooms and rhubarb, for example.

Find the farmers at Rotary Beach in Haliburton, on the north side of Head Lake Park with access from Park Street off Maple Street (Highway 118) in Halibur-

For more information, call 705-457-0991 or email incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com.



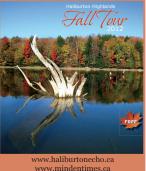


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# Woodworking a lifelong passion

#### Story by Angelica Blenich

When Kevin Dunlop was a kid he built a five-storey tree fort with his friends.

From that moment on he knew he wanted to create things, so he spent the next 45 years doing just that.

"After that tree fort I was hooked," he said.

Now Dunlop, 53, has made a name for himself as a reputable furniture maker and as a marquetry artist.

A graduate of the Ontario Woodworking Centre at Conestoga College, Dunlop always followed a path that would lead him to wood.

Born in Ottawa, the artist was at a farmers' market when he met a man who created marquetry.

Dunlop was immediately interested in the art form.

"I thought it was this old, dead European art form, so when I saw this guy sitting there doing it I chatted him up and he immediately shared that he was ill and wanted to retire and sell his business," he said.

On the spur of the moment Dunlop offered his services to work for free for a year while he was in school, in order to learn the craft.

The arrangement was that at the end of the year, if he had learned enough, Dunlop would buy the business.

"My buddies in school thought I was nuts because they were going off to work in mines and such to make money for school and I was working for free. They thought they wouldn't see me come back."

Come back he did and by the second year Dunlop had been accepted into the Ottawa Christmas Craft Show, with his instructors allowing him to use the school's facilities to prepare for the show.

In return Dunlop was graded on the merchandise he created for the show.

The artist has been following his passion since he was a young boy, back in his tree fort days.

"I had my parents get me out of the Catholic school board and into the public school board in Grade 4 so that I could get to a school that had a wood shop, even though wood shop class didn't start until Grade 7."

By high school Dunlop was already building furniture, while his peers were making birdhouses in shop class.

He went to community college at night to learn more about furniture making.

"I had a real passion for that."
In the 1980s Dunlop found himself
in Haliburton, working with emotionally
distressed children.

A year later he was in love with the



Highlands.

"The inspiration of the landscape and wildlife, that's what really floats my boat," he said.

Years spent working in outdoor education and as a manager at La-Z-Boy Canada had the artist yearning to return back to his wood shop, doing what he loved the most.

"When I was doing those other jobs

to make ends meet, it just rotted my soul. This [woodworking] is just an obsession, I have to do this. I could honestly make a better living bagging groceries but I'm really driven to do this."

Dunlop has been a part of the Studio Tour for the past 12 years, creating both furniture and art out of inlaid wood.

Located on County Road 21, The Marquetry Man studio

features an eclectic mix of landscape pieces, handmade chairs, coffee tables and other wood items made by the artist.

From start to finish, Dunlop creates every piece himself, beginning with sketching and drawing, to designing and adding the finishing touches on each chair, wall hanging or table.

The artist will spend between 14 to 16 hours on a smaller piece and hun-

dreds of hours on a large wall hanging or furniture item.

A wide array of items of various styles can be found in Dunlop's studio, however, his favourite project always comes back to chairs.

"Early on when I was still at college I was asking one of my teachers about chairs and he simply said most furniture makers do not make their own chairs,

they just buy them from big factories and then just finish them to match a table. His reason was they're too difficult, it's tough to get a really comfortable chair that still looks good and that intrigued me to design and make a comfortable chair that still looked good."

Dunlop uses all types of wood in his studio, his favourite being cherry.

"You put it on a lathe and it turns like butter ... and as it ages it has this rich, deep colour that you just can't duplicate."

The artist credits the studio tour as the reason he his able to make a living in Haliburton.

"Last year the studio tour provided 100 per cent of my year, including the work that went right out my laneway over those four days, but I also took orders that took me right through the winter."

A well-organized and professional event, the tour is an opportunity for artists to get their work seen. Welcoming thousands of visitors into his studio during the multi-weekend event, for Dunlop the tour "is everything."

"There's such a critical mass here, for the artistic community to be able to hook into the energy of the other artists, it's so helpful. You don't feel as isolated," he said.

Apart from bringing clients into his workshop, he sets out to bring people to the Highlands, to experience the beauty firsthand.

"I've consciously tried to make my work only available in Haliburton County, I'm trying to give back to the area," he said.

The philosophy has worked and over the years Dunlop himself has witnessed events such as the tour and Colourfest grow and draw people to the county.

"It took a few years for the tour to gain momentum but now all the hotels and restaurants are full on those [tour] weekends and Colourfest was a spin-off from that ... That can only help us in return because they've created more of an attraction where people want to be here on that weekend. It's a symbiotic relationship."

That relationship has benefited artists like Dunlop firsthand.

"Last year, on the day that Colourfest was on, that was the best sales day of the whole studio tour for me," he said.

Humble about his skills and dedication to his art form, Dunlop is quick to admit he is technologically challenged.

The artist is currently in the process of joining MadeinHaliburton.ca, an online gallery where local art is promoted and sold.

Dunlop previously taught marquetry classes at the Haliburton School of the Arts for 10 summers.

This year he has been selected by the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited to be the featured artist. The relationship will involve work created and donated by the artist to the organization's annual charity auction.

A husband and father, Dunlop credits his family for their support and encouragement over the years and for allowing him to follow his dream.

In preparation for this year's tour he has spent months creating new, large pieces he is excited to unveil to the public.

"I need to show people what can be done, then their imagination starts working," he said.

The 25th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour takes place on Sept. 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit www. haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca.





## Local artist takes a step towards her dream

#### Story by Darren Lum

Between the schedule of her two jobs, mixed media artist Tiffany Howe shares what it means to be the newest artist on the Haliburton County Studio Tour

The 28-year-old environmentalist has alabaster skin and long brown hair and carries off vintage and recycled textile with grace. She's excited to be part of the most established and recognized art tour in the area.

Howe, who was winner of the Arts Council-Haliburton Emerging Artist of the Year in 2010, said the tour has been around almost as long as she has, and she's always admired perennial studio artists like Rose Pearson and Tom Green.

"I loved to go on the studio tour when I was younger and had the time," she said. "It's kind of surreal. I didn't expect that I would be here."

She describes her pieces as multimedia work that combines painted images with the layering of recycled materials, fabric and paper for a textured overall finish. Other than the paint, the

piece is entirely recycled, she said.

With several years of experience in art and an ongoing effort to make a living from art, she feels the tour is a significant step in achieving her dreams. She hopes her work will convey there is more than just a practical aspect to recycling.

"You don't need to always use and have new things for them to be beautiful," she said.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate will have her work showcased at Tom Green's location, Glass Eagle Studios. Howe said she worked with Green in high school that always reminded her to "go for it."

Through most of high school, Howe

Through most of high school, Howe was taught by teacher and local painter Rose Pearson. She was not only taught skills, but also received encouragement.

After a few years in Toronto, where Howe attended Sheridan College, she came back to the Highlands to earn enough money for a studio in Toronto. The return became permanent as she unearthed a forgotten love.

"For most people that grow up here it's hard to imagine yourself living here. You think there are bigger and better



things out there. So I came back to make money and get a studio in Toronto and ended up falling in love with here again ... I got stuck in a great way," she said.

The tour is from Sept. 29 to 30

(from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and finishes the following weekend from Oct. 6 to 7 (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

See www.haliburtonstudiotour. on.ca for more information.

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# Sisters give Christmas an artistic flair

#### Story by Jenn Watt

About 20 years ago, two sisters made a pact: if they found themselves alone, they would join households and move in together.

A couple of years ago, they put that plan into action, buying a home on the lake.

What wasn't part of that pact was opening a studio dedicated to antique Santa Claus dolls.

"I had no desire to marry again," says Lynn Murray, one half of Two Sisters Studios.

"My sister lost her partner some years before I did and felt exactly the same. We're happy as two peas in a pod and have never left here."

Murray and her sister Anne Thornton-Trump live an unusual, but rewarding life on the lake.

They moved north from their former home in

Kleinburg, Ont., in the dead of a Haliburton winter, spent a year renovating and now have a bastion of Christmas cheer on the edge of Halls Lake.

There they create Santa dolls from century-old moulds they acquired in Europe.

Their product may seem niche, but it has gained traction both with those nostalgic for days past and those looking for a timeless decoration for the holidays.

"The figures are created from a special recipe of liquid paper maché composition and poured into moulds," Murray explains.

That's the part Thornton-Trump does. Then Murray assembles the pieces and paints them.

The entire process takes about 18 hours per doll. "We use only the materials that would have been used a century ago," she says.

The pair grew up in British Columbia, but have fond memories of the Haliburton area from their mother, who was an artist.

When they took up the arts themselves, Haliburton and its strong arts community seemed like a good fit.

"We wanted to be in the artists' community in Haliburton because artists need other artists in order to stay creative. That is what drew us here ... We found the community very quickly because one person that we knew up here was also an artist," Murray says.

The two sisters do two major shows a year: one

for doll collectors and one for Christmas collectors and have been featured in museum exhibits in Europe.

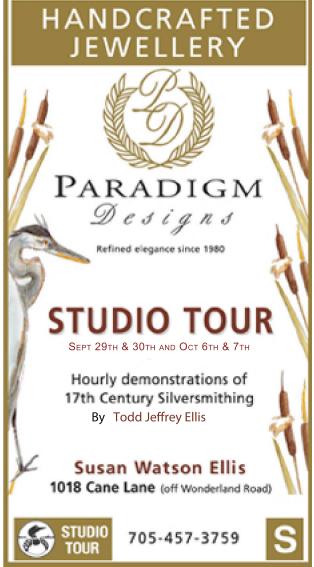
Those attending the studio tour this year will have a chance to check out Two Sisters Studios for the first time.

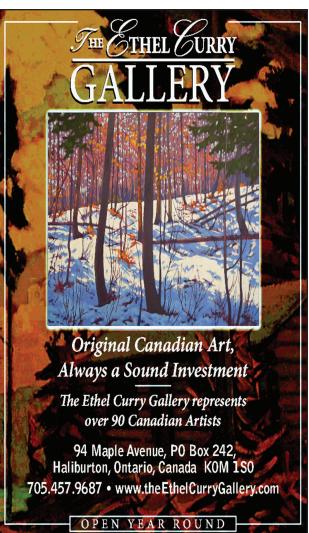
The pair has already decorated a 50-foot spruce tree outside their home and has fully decorated inside with a Christmas theme including Christmas cookies and a Christmas cranberry drink.

The studio is at 17102 Highway 35, north of Carnarvon on Halls Lake. Go to www.twosistersstudios. com or call 705-489-1473 for more information.













## For something completely different

#### Story by Jenn Watt

You won't find a lot of cottage knick-knacks at Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

One of the newest stops on the Haliburton County Studio Tour is also one of the most "urban" when it comes to style.

Situated in the valley of Tory Hill across from McCue Lake, a small crew of artists led by Terry Craig and Jenn Wanless-Craig pump out substantial volumes of glass art.

Their most popular product, beer bottles converted to glasses, has become one of the big draws for Artech, though they do much more.

"It had always been a dream" to own a glassblowing studio, says Terry Craig.

Eight years ago the couple bought the old Tory Hill church and converted it into a home and studio. They converted a shed into a small production facility and they now have one fulltime staff member and one part-time.

There they make colourful glass creations like glasses, vases, bowls and standalone art.

Jenn is the business side of Artech, while Terry focuses on production (though they are both involved in some way in all parts of the business).

Both have formal art training and moved from Toronto to the country to give their daughter a childhood that includes getting outside. Artech takes commissions, sells in 155 shops and has a rigorous schedule of art shows. This year's studio tour offered them a chance to save some money, travel less and have a bit

The couple has decided to make their stop on the tour a window into their lives. They will feed visitors the diet of a glassblower: potato chips, water and bananas.





They've also made accommodations for kids and pets, which are both part of their lives, and there will

be demonstrations of glassblowing.
For the first weekend, they've hired a facilitator for kids' programming, Aaron King, who usually runs the Art Attacks at Rails End Gallery. King will engage kids' natural curiosity, teaching them about how colours are added to glass creations, allowing them to touch different pieces of glass and giving them a colouring book.

He will be running programming on the first weekend, Sept. 29 and 30. For pets, there will be a penned in area and refreshments. "We tried to make it a unique experience," says Jenn.

Aside from their wholesale work, Artech is often commissioned for special projects, such as the Haliburton Winterfest awards and Chamber of Commerce

Most recently, they were asked to make props for a feature film coming out next summer, which they can't yet talk about. "Because of this niche market, there aren't a lot of glass studios that are out there,"

The couple has a daughter, Anabelle, 8, who participates in the business and has some cup-and-saucer lawn decorations for sale on the tour.

Terry explains that the project is teaching their daughter about the financial side of art – she had to cost out labour and materials and price the decora-

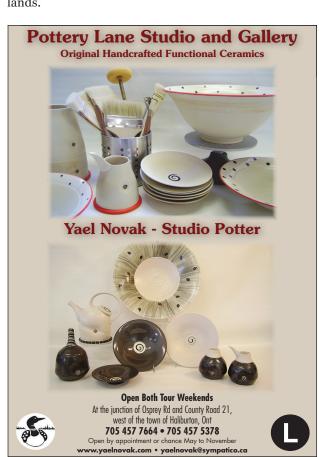
They are excited to be on the tour, which they see as an opportunity to have customers into their studio and to engage on a more intimate level.

Artech Studios is at 18639 Highway 118 in Tory Hill, only metres from its intersection with County Road 503. Contact them at 705-448-9522 or info@ artechstudios.ca. The studio tour runs Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 6 and 7 throughout the Haliburton High-





at 1009 Camp White Pine Court. **705-457-9960** 







# Building a community for artists -

#### Story by Jenn Watt

The impact of the Haliburton County Studio Tour cannot be easily measured.

Bringing economic stability to artists, an attraction in the "shoulder season" for the Highlands and fostering a community for painters, potters and other creative types, in 25 years the tour has done much.

While they're celebrating a milestone this season, you won't notice much fanfare from the 42 artists at 26 locations throughout cottage country; they're too busy working.

The tour is one of the year's biggest money makers for many of the artists and they take it seriously.

Something only dreamt about in 1987 when the first tour was launched.

"We knew the Muskoka tour was successful and we were hoping to have that kind of success," says Rickie Woods, a potter and one of the tour's founding members

"We wanted another venue to sell our stuff. A lot of us were younger and the way we sold our stuff was through galleries and the summer sale in town [then at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School]." They were nervous, but ambitious, and out of their effort came an institution the Haliburton Highlands would be known for.

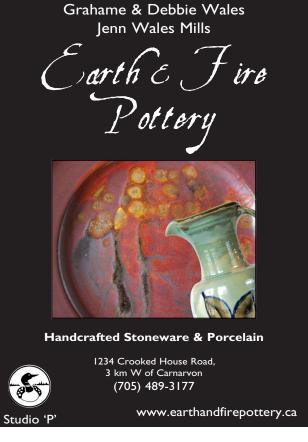
"There wasn't the incredible arts community that there is now [in Haliburton]," says current tour co-ordinator Thom Lambert of the early days.

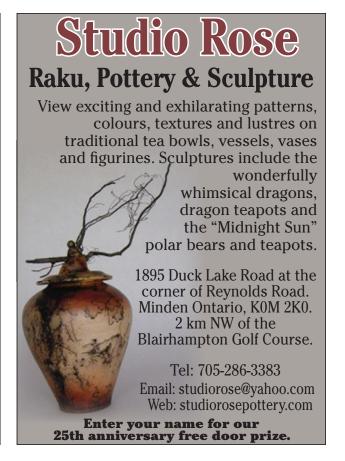
"I think people take for granted the amazing arts community we have here. Along with the guild of fine arts starting the summer school [Haliburton School of the Arts], it's been one of the things that has established Haliburton as a place were artists can live and

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## Tour celebrates 25 years in the Highlands

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work."

After Muskoka and Dundas Valley, Haliburton County's studio tour is the oldest in Ontario.

Its staying power has come from dogged volunteerism by members of the tour, steady promotion and high quality art.

"It's very, very important to us that when people come that the quality of the work and the quantity of work is enough to support someone coming back year after year after year," Lambert says.

The work is juried and carefully selected to offer a wide variety for customers and to ensure the artists on the tour are able to produce the amount of work necessary.

Despite the lucrative opportunity presented by two weekends of steady customer traffic, there is turnover in the artists every year.

"We have turned over at least two studio spots a year," Lambert says, "There's this perception that it's the same thing it was 10 years ago. I shake my head and say you can't be serious. This year we have three brand new members. Last year we added three brand new members. The mix is changing constantly."

This year, the tour welcomes Tiffany Howe, Two Sisters Studios and Artech Studios (see page 5 for more).

For Woods, the event not only brought artists a new venue for sales, but introduced new customers to artists' studios.

"What the tour did was it became a marketing event for studios. It brought people onto the back roads and made it less intimidating to explore," she says.

Finding business for her art was a big deal for the potter 25 years ago.

She had recently found a passion for the craft and had invested in equipment in her home.

"That was a big incentive of the tour: I had to pay back this money for the equipment," she says.

With support of her artistic colleagues and the

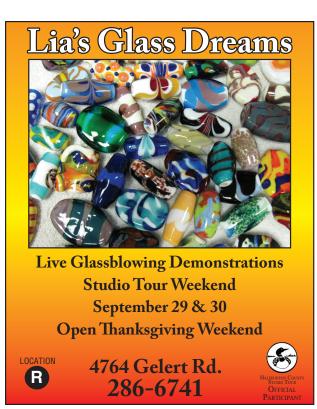
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wider community, Woods became a success in Haliburton and was able to stay home with her four kids as she made art in her studio.

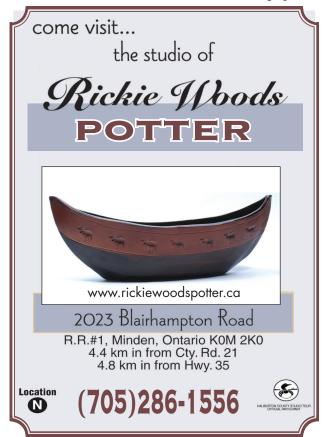
"I was really, really lucky. ... We had a really strong support system here," she says, giving a nod to her mentor, artist and teacher Mary Wallace.

For woodworker Finn Samuelsen, the tour brings new customers to his County Road 21 business year

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# Something new from something old

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over year.

Samuelsen creates unique wood pieces in his shop at Vintage Debris and calls himself a homebody.

Since he runs the business on his own, the artist puts a priority on keeping the studio open for drop-in traffic, which means skipping art shows where sales often happen.

The tour introduces new customers to his studio yearly.

Samuelsen's been on the tour since 1999 and says he'll stay on it as long as he's able.

"I do see a lot of faces I've never seen before ... I would say there's always a good turnover of familiar faces as well as new ones," he says.

The 13-year veteran of the tour thinks he's got the customer type nailed down: on the first weekend, the "serious" art buyers show up to get a first crack at the

By Thanksgiving weekend, a more casual family crowd dominates the scene, still buying, but not as aggressively.

Still, there is no saying exactly what volume of sales he'll see.

"From one year to the next, retail is a crazy business. There is really no rhyme or reason," he says, "I appreciate the volume of people that come in. The sales are generally good."

Samuelsen rescues wood from old buildings and gives them new life. In 2005, his business partner Barry Thompson retired, leaving Samuelsen to create on his own.

When a building is being torn down, he will get in touch with the owner about salvaging the materials.

"Then I go in and one board at a time deconstruct anything that's viable," he says.

His work creates a lot of dust, so unlike some other artists on the tour, Samuelsen doesn't create pieces during the event.

His current big seller: the Lazy Barb, a six-sided piece similar to a Lazy Susan.

Samuelsen's experience of the tour is part of the vision hatched 25 years ago, something Woods is proud of today.



"I am extremely proud of it, but it really is a group effort. You can't do it by yourself," she says.

In the next 25 years, she imagines the tour continuing much the same way.

"I'm really hoping we can maintain the quality and the momentum of having people come up here on those weekends," she says, likening the tour to treasure hunting for participants.

The biggest challenge she sees comes from the tour's greatest strength.

"We are self-directed; it is the artists that are responsible for organizing, advertising and everything

It means a lot of volunteerism and long nights for the artists, but it has also paid off over the years.

"That is really important that our tour has always

been artist-supported ... I think there's a level of respect too, to know that we do it ourselves.'

Lambert thinks the tour will survive the next 25 years because of the experience it creates for patrons.

"I don't believe it's an outdated model. I really believe people love visiting an artist's studio," he says.

And the artists love the visitors.

"I don't call it work. I call it play. If it becomes work, I won't have an open sign anymore," Samuelsen

"If you're going to do something for a long time, have fun."

The Haliburton County Studio Tour runs Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 6 and 7. Read more about it in the pages of this Fall Tour supplement or go to www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca.







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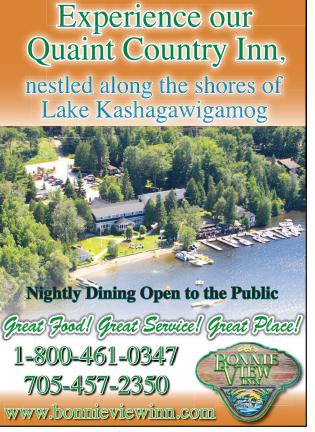




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#### **Talking** tourism

Regional tourism manager talks strategy with county council



#### **Forest** food

Participants of the **Edible Wild Walk** in Snowdon Park on Sept. 23 smell some bed straw, a plant which pioneers added to the stuffing of their mattresses. More on page 3.

**Chad Ingram** Staff



#### **Fall Tour**

Special supplement including studio tour and Colourfest info

# Highlands Cinemas goes digital

Future of Kinmount theatre had been uncertain with changing technology

**Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

Kinmount's Highlands Cinemas is staying open and going digital.

Owner Keith Stata, who has been musing about the future of the theatre, announced this week he will convert four of its five screens to

It seems that loyal moviegoers had a lot to do with the decision.

"There's been a huge amount of input from the

public, we've been getting emails every day and people saying, "Are you going to close? What are you going to do?"

Stata read one email that had a particular effect on him.

'We got one funny one the other day. It simply said, 'You can't close. You're an institution and you're the last cinema in the High-

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## Grant money and donations helped theatre

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lands. You can't close."

Independent theatres in Fenelon Falls, Minden and Haliburton have all closed.

With a price tag of approximately \$300,000, the conversion won't be cheap and Stata said he will be remortgaging the building and his business partner his home.

Stata was able to obtain a \$50,000 federal development grant and also received some donations from the public.

Renovations will take place during the winter and the installation of the technology in March. The theatre will open May 3 as always.

The original No. 1 theatre will be closed, although Stata said if things go well or more grant money is obtained, it may be converted in the future.

Highlands Cinema had a good summer, with revenues up about \$50,000. Stata attributed much of this to ticket prices that were increased by a dollar.

Tickets this year were \$9 for adults, \$7 dollars for seniors and \$6 for the matinée.

Stata said there may be another increase in ticket prices and he will be employing new money-making methods such as an electronic fortune teller and other gimmicks. He's also considering selling some of his extensive poster

"We really need the people to support us now that we've



Highlands Cinemas is not only a theatre, but also a museum. Going digital will allow the small cinema to stay open. /File photo

decided to this," Stata said, adding that people may not realize what a bite out of business they're taking by sneaking food into the theatre. "We make money on the concession, we don't make it on the ticket."

Stata opened the theatre, which also includes a museum

featuring an extensive collection of theatre equipment and movie memorabilia in 1979.

"Really, I suppose in a way, I wouldn't know what to do with myself if we closed," he said.

### Volunteers needed

The Haliburton~Muskoka~Kawartha Children's Water Festival is on Monday and Tuesday Oct. 1 and 2 and they are looking for volunteers to help.

This year they have found it challenging to find enough volunteers to run all the activity stations on Tuesday, Oct. 2. If you have a day to spare and love to help and teach children the importance of water conservation, preservation and quality this is your opportunity.

They are looking for individuals who can be at the Kinark Outdoors Centre from 8 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m. to help run an activity station. With 450 to 500 elementary children coming each day to learn about water at 43 different activity centres they need as much help as we can get.

Contact Sonja Marx, program administrator of U-Links at 705-286-2411, 1-877-527-2411 or admin.ulinks@on.aibn.





#### **Pharmacy** mishap

The front of the Highland Remedy's RX Pharmacy on Bobcaygeon Road was struck by a vehicle the morning of Sept. 18. The OPP said the crash appeared to be the result of vehicle malfunction and it was unlikely any charges would be laid. There were no injuries and police said the building does not pose a safety risk. **Cassie Thorn** Special to the Times

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## Finding food in the forest

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#### **Photos by Chad Ingram**

Participants of the well-attended Edible Wild Walk at Snowdon Park on the morning of Sept. 23 learned what kinds of forest plants can be eaten or used for medicinal and other purposes.

Led by Rick Whittaker, hikers learned how to identify plants such as the northern wild raisin, Solomon's seal and coltsfoot.

There were more than 40 hikes throughout the county during the weekend as part of this year's festival.



Above, Alyson Taylor samples some Solomon's seal, which she said tasted OK.

Right, Rick Whittaker, right, led the Edible Wild Walk through Snowdon Park as part of this year's Hike Haliburton Festival.



## Limiting speed on Big Hawk Lake Road

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Councillors received a letter from resident Graham Sandham requesting that the speed limit on Big Hawk Lake Road be reduced from 60 km/h to 40/km an hour.

Councillors were supportive of a lowered speed limit through the residential area of Big Hawk Lake Road and public works director Mike Thomas will be bringing more information back to council.

There have been a number of similar requests in the township in the past few years and the public works department will be looking at completing a review of roads and their speed limits.

## Applying for accessibility funding

The township is applying to the federal government's Enabling Accessibility Fund for improvements to public facilities including the North Shore Road office.

Up to \$50,000 in funding is available and if successful, the township will draw on reserves for its portion of projects.

It will have \$45,000 in reserves for accessibility come 2013.

#### **Captains appointed**

Councillors appointed Rylie Sloan as a captain at the Stanhope fire hall and Rob Sargent as an acting captain. The hall normally has a contingent of four captains but has had only three since Ryan Reesor became the department's training officer.

#### **Hauler denied**

Councillors denied a request from a Muskoka hauler to use the McClintock sewage lagoon.

The aging facility is facing capacity problems. Councillors also passed a new sewage haulage bylaw increasing tipping fees and strengthening regulations.

#### **Doors Open a success**

Council was pleased with the turnout for the event which took place throughout the township on Sept. 15 and 16.

"There were larger numbers than anticipated," organizer Councillor Gord Henderson told the *Times*.

Henderson said there was plenty of positive feedback and that the historic churches on the tour were visitor favourites

## Waiting for word on solar projects

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Some solar project proposals are causing complications in Minden Hills.

At their Sept. 20 committee-of-the-whole meeting, township councillors heard from Kyle Rees and Renee Schmidlechner of Renewable Environmental Energy Services, who were seeking to set up a solar power generation project in accordance with the province's feed-in tariff program.

The company wants to construct a 500-kilowatt solar power generation structure on three acres of a 100-acre property it would lease from the landowner.

"Ît's like a tiny little postage stamp right in the middle of the property," Rees said.

The contract with the Ontario Power Association would be good for 20 years.

Reeve Barb Reid wanted to know what would happen if the province's program was reduced or cancelled.

"Once the OPA offers a contract, that price stays for 20 years," Rees said. "After 20 years, we're not really sure what's

next'

If the project was to be discontinued at that time, Rees said pines would be planted on the site.

The company was seeking a resolution of support or a blanket resolution of support for solar projects in the township.

"We're not in a position to give blanket approval," Reid said, adding that proposals were handled on a case-by-case basis with the advice of staff. "They're very sites-specific."

The reeve said there's also been some confusion about the township's role in these cases and how big of a role it really has to play.

"You're not the first request . . . we've got another in place as well."

Reid was referring to a summer request from company Hay Solar, which is seeking to construct a barn with solar panels on its roof in the Horseshoe Lake area.

"We've spent a lot of time in the department talking about [solar projects] in general," said planning consultant Heather Sadler. "Our concern is we don't have any sort of technical basis to weigh in."

Staff had been requested to visit the Horseshoe Lake site

to see if the solar barn would cause any sight line problems for any neighbours but had not done so.

"Is it permitted in a our zoning bylaw for this person to have solar panels on their barn?" Reid asked.

Sadler said the zoning bylaw didn't speak to solar panels.

"So it's allowed," Reid said.

"It's silent," Sadler responded.

"If we don't have a zoning issue and we don't have any particular issues with that site, why would we say no?" Reid asked.

Sadler said the program's regulations state that a project cannot be located on a property where there are any residential buildings or even adjacent to a property where there is a residential building.

"It's contrary to their own requirements," Sadler said, adding she thought the regulations were written with the GTA in mind. "It has nothing to do with zoning."

Reid requested that staff make a site visit before council's Sept. 27 meeting.

### Resident circles petition to save Experimental Lakes Area

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

One Soyers Lake resident is working to get the word out about the federal government's plan to close the Experimental Lakes Area.

The government facility, which consists of about 70 lakes near Kenora and has been in operation for more than 40 years, lets scientists conduct full-lake experiments.

"The work they do is crucial to all fresh-water lakes and streams," Turner said. "That makes a difference to this area."

In the summer, Turner took a petition against the Harper government's plans around the Soyers Lake area and while she said 95 per cent of people she visited didn't know what the ELA was, once they knew about what went on there, they were happy to sign.

She got 284 signatures in all.

Norman Yan is a biology professor at York University who conducts research at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre.

Yan said work done at the ELA has had numerous benefits for lake ecosystems and led to more responsible practices

"If you want to make wise management decisions, then the kind of information you need has to be conducted at the right scale," he said. "You can't do it in a bottle or you get the wrong answers."

Experiments done at the ELA identified phosphorous as a key player in the eutrophication of lakes, which can produce bio masses that kill fish and plants.

"That led to phosphorous removal from detergents," Yan

Another experiment looked at the effects of acid rain.

"They actually acidified entire lakes to figure out how serious acid rain actually was," Yan said. "That work ended up indicating that if the pH level falls to less than six, there is tremendous damage."

As a result, sulphur emission controls were put into places, including in Ontario, where Yan said the rain is about half as acidic as it was 30 years ago.

"It has been said by some politicians that ELA is not doing research of relevance today," Yan continued. "I disagree with that."

The professor said among experiments being conducted



**Chad Ingram** Staff

There is an online movement to save the Experimental Lakes Area, a federal facility that conducts environmental research on a full-lake scale.

currently is one on the effects of damming and lake levels, where an entire lake has had its level raised by a couple of feet to measure various effects.

Another experiment looks at the consequences of aquaculture.

"How big can an aquaculture facility be before it actually starts damaging a lake," Yan asked.

More experiments are looking at the effects of estrogen and nano-silver on lake ecosystems.

"The bottom line here is that there's all kinds of ongoing work at ELA which produces knowledge that leads to better management of various stressors that could affect lakes all over the world," Yan said.

The Coalition to Save ELA is collecting petitions and donations.

For more information, visit saveela.org.

## Region's tourism manager talks strategy



Better customer service, use of online tools discussed to boost area

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Haliburton County continues working with Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization as it attempts to heighten the profile of the Haliburton Highlands.

OHTO manager Nicole Whiting visited members of the county's tourism development committee at a Sept. 19 meeting.

Whiting was there to talk about programming and strategy, "and most importantly to emphasize everybody's roles in this new

The regional tourism organizations there are 13 in Ontario - were created by the province as a means of promoting tourism in 2010.

OHTO focuses on product development, such as its recreational geology project, as well as destination marketing and workforce development, which includes cus-

"How do we communicate to the businesses that think they're doing fine [with customer service], but they're not?" asked Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

There have been workshops hosted locally, but Fearrey said challenges con-

We need to start with the ones that are doing it well," Whiting said, adding that those businesses should lead by example.

She said that OHTO also offers an assessment process that some business owners have found helpful.

Fearrey also had concerns about the use of the website tripadvisor.ca, which allows people to post reviews of businesses.



**Chad Ingram Staff** 

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization manager Nicole Whiting visited members of the county's tourism development committee on Sept. 19.

"All it takes is one bad review," he said, adding he's even heard stories of competing businesses bashing each other online.

'The benefits of Trip Advisor far outweigh the negatives," Whiting reassured him.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid thought the county should be working more closely with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, using the chamber's monthly breakfast meetings as a venue to spread the word on good customer service techniques.

Reid said she also wanted to see more obvious links to the OHTO site on the county's website and more prominent display of weekend packages and promotional offers.

"That's exactly what's going to get people

in the GTA going, 'I'm in," Reid said. "If you can't see it, you can't do it."

The county is in the process of revamping its website having hired The Faren Group to do the redesign and Whiting said OHTO could help out.

"We'll show you what has worked for us in terms of key words," she said.

According to a recent release from Tourism Haliburton, Haliburton County is improving its placement on Google servers when people search "Ontario resorts."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt sits on the website's steering committee and said the creation of a Haliburton Highlands YouTube channel is being considered with the development of the new site.

Whiting said OHTO has video footage of the Highlands - some shot just last week that could be used.

The Haliburton Highlands are grouped with the Ottawa Valley to form OHTO.

The regional tourism organizations are funded through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to the tune of \$40 million annually.

Less than a million of that is allocated to OHTO, as it accounts for just 2.5 per cent of the province's tourism and allocations are made on a proportional basis.

According to Whiting, tourism ranks as the ninth largest export industry in Ontario.

### County's reeves discuss tourism priorities for Highlands

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Councillors on the county's tourism development committee discussed priorities for 2013 during a Sept. 19 meeting.

The committee consists of the reeves of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she wants to see more development of destination packages she believes are key in attracting visitors from the GTA.

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden

Murray Fearrey wants to finalize a structure for the tourism development department, formerly the economic development

 $ar{\text{"}}$ I think we should start that fairly soon," Fearrey said.

Former department director Bob Smith retired in the spring and the committee took \$80,000 out of the department's budget for the year.

The county has gone without a replacement ever since.

This was a decision Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt decried at the

At Wednesday's meeting, Moffatt reiterated that she thought the revamped department needed a director and expressed concern about the workload of county tourism co-ordinator Maria Micallef.

"How much more can she handle?" Moffatt asked.

Micallef said there is some strain as she splits her time between planning events and performing marketing duties, sometimes one at the expense of the other.

"I think capacity within the department needs to be addressed for sure," she said.

Along with moving forward with some of the recommendations from Kate Hall's public input process on the Haliburton County Rail Trail and next steps with the province's Premier-Ranked Tourist Destination program, Moffatt said she'd like to see the makeup of the tourism development committee re-evaluated.

"I think there are some people working on the ground who might have some more info," Moffatt said, adding that having members of the Haliburton Tourism Association and other industry stakeholders sit on the committee could be a good idea.

### points of view

#### our editorial

## **Facing fear**

Y PALMS ARE sweating, my legs are pulsating and my chest is so tight I feel like my heart is going to pop through it any time now.

Since I awoke this morning, I've been experiencing fits of anxiety, knowing what my evening was going to entail.

I'm standing at the foot of the Dorset tower.

Something you may not know about me, dear readers, is that I'm acrophobic.

No, I'm not scared of acrobats. I'm scared of heights.

And I don't mean scared the way a lot of people are scared of spiders. I mean scared the way a lot of people are scared of death.

Still, each year I subject myself to the torturous test of making it to the top of the tower.

Did I mention I'm really scared of heights? I'm talking paralyzing-ly, pantswetting-ly terrified.

I don't climb ladders.

I'd take a black bear encounter over climbing these stairs any day.

I'd rather go swimming with my golf clubs in a thunderstorm than go up this tower right now.

As we begin our ascent (my girlfriend is here), I hate the vibrating our footsteps make on the metal grates of the stairs.

Trying my best to think happy thoughts – puppy dogs, sunshine, Rob Ford losing his conflict-of-interest court case – I take it one flight of stairs at a time, telling myself not to look down.

I try to concentrate on the leaves and not the corrosive properties of metal.

As we approach the top, I begin to crawl on all fours and my breathing is nearing the hyperventilation threshold.

My significant other offers supportive words through her laughter. I suspect she enjoys the spectacle of watching me climb the tower as much as she enjoys the view.

Finally we reach the cabin at the top and, clinging the metal grate of its windows, I allow myself to decompress.

Breathing deeply, I look around.

The trip was worth it.
Perched 30 metres above
a hilltop that rises many
more above Hwy. 35, the
majesty of the Haliburton
Highlands to the east and
the District of Muskoka to

west rolls out before us.

Lake of Bays snakes off in all directions and the forests around it are showing twinges of auburn; just a teaser for the show that is about to come.

It's no wonder thousands of people flock to this site every year. For a moment, there is calm.

Then, with a gulp, I begin my descent, which is every bit as horrifying as the trip up.

Again, I try to think happy thoughts – beer, bonfires, Stephen Harper getting a new hairstylist.

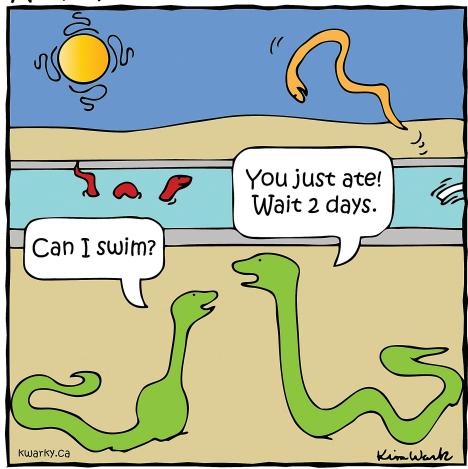
As I take the last step, my feet reacquainted with ground I love so much, I reap the benefits of facing one's fears and remember the real reason I do this to myself every year.

I walk away from the tower feeling like I can do anything.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



#### letters to the editor

### Thank you Make It Minden

To the Editor,

The Make It Minden weekly program was a big hit again this past summer. The program is provided to offer free family fun in downtown Minden, to create an opportunity to personally thank the volunteers who run the local programs that enhance the community and to draw people into the downtown core. Every spring the local merchants, service clubs, churches and individuals step up to the challenge of hosting an event in Minden during July and August.

I would like to thank the hosts starting with Mary and her gang from the Rivercone who launched the season with a street dance and karaoke evening, Jason from the Highlands Cyclery shop hosted a bike night with an obstacle course, the Minden Hills volunteer firefighters welcomed everyone to the

fire hall to check out the gear and trucks, the Haliburton Farm Association and Kelly from the Minden Mercantile hosted a farm obstacle course and had farm animals to show off, Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers were pleased to display their classic cars, Stan Russell's music students jammed in the Village Green gazebo, a crowd floated down the Gull River, the Minden Horticultural Society provided some program details and their youth program and the Minden Girl Guides ended the season with their program highlights.

There were many grateful families that enjoyed the evening programs. Thank you to the hosts for their support of the program. Thanks for providing the programs and businesses in our community.

Lynda Litwin Minden Hills Events Committee

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### Windows 2012

ARLIER THIS WEEK, after his **⊿**gency landing due to an electrical fire, U.S. presidential hopeful Mitt Romney asked why airplane windows don't roll down. Worse yet, he asked this aloud in front of the national media.

In unrelated news, I now predict a second term for Obama.

Meanwhile, let's examine the issue

The primary reason is a lack of oxygen at the altitude big planes typically fly at – if you opened windows and let that thin air enter, you risk death by oxygen deprivation or from being sucked out of a formerly pressurized cabin. If they were flying low enough to have a sufficient supply of breathable air, however, letting it into that airplane would have only fueled the fire that threatened Mrs. Romney's safety.

Aside from those concerns, there

are several other good reasons for not allowing airplane windows to roll down.

First, it would be hell on floppy-eared dogs that were fortunate enough to fly up front.

Next, while the guy in the window seat might be happy to get a little fresh air, the person beside him reading the newspaper or collating a 500-page business brief might not appreciate it so much.

Rolling down a window while traveling 600 mph or so would also be very hard on men who wear toupees

or any woman who decided to do her evelashes. And don't even get me going about litter raining down from the skies.

True, it would come in handy if someone nearby was a little gassy. But what if you ordered popcorn for the inflight movie? Well, you'd just be feeding everyone behind you.

The point is that airplane designers considered and dismissed roll

down windows on large aircraft long ago. But the fact that Mitt Romney thinks he knows better than highlyeducated aeronautical engineers about products they have been developing for decades makes me nervous. What if he wants to meddle in other technology too?

Before you know it he might be asking questions like, why aren't chainsaws

built in kid-friendly sizes? Or why don't we catapult food instead of waste precious energy on take-out delivery? Or what's wrong with strapping used mattresses onto soldiers so we can save on the parachutes during airborne

assaults?

These, after all, are the type of questions you ask when you haven't really put a lot of thought into an issue.

Romney is busy right now, I'll concede that. But, now more than ever, it is inexcusable not to think everything through before presenting it to the

All it takes is a little critical thinking beforehand, which is something every president should be very good at.

If he had given the airplane window issue some thought, he would have ascertained that he was about to ask a very silly question.

Hey, until we allow drive-through, fast food restaurants beside our runways, there's simply no need for roll down windows.

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## Once there were pine trees

**Steve Galea** 

Beyond 35

POSSE OF environmentalists prowls Sapsucker Ridge on the weekend and leaves without a scratch, unless you count those inflicted by brambles.

The Brown Dog Jiggs leads the way over the wrinkled topography of the Ridge's 50 acres, right back to the beach of old Lake Algonquin, a beach dug up for gravel pits in the 21st cen-

I am no naturalist, so I don't even try to explain to the posse the biology we are walking through, but the walk gets me thinking about the illusion of permanence.

Sapsucker Ridge is a made-up name, but the place it identifies is real enough. Its north end fronts on Fleming Road, a cottagers' road that runs from Bobcaygeon Road to Big Bob Lake, parallel (more or less) to Deep Bay Road and the Scotch Line.

It is the east half of an original 100acre lot, an eighth of a mile wide, five-eighths of a mile north to south. Its surface is as unwrinkled as an unmade bed.

Of course, it is not "my" 50 acres. Its boundaries exist only in human theory. List me only as "occupant," neighbour to the moose and bellworts, and my footprint on the landscape as

ephemeral. Nature is my landlord.

Those 50 acres begin at the roadside in a trough between two wrinkles. The

land starts out swampy and turns scruffy by the time it climbs to the top of its first wrinkle, then dips down into another wet bottom.

Soft maples crowd the next wrinkle. An abandoned beaver pond fills the next bottom, mostly dried up now except for puddles of runoff and overflow from a much larger pond to the west.

The two ponds are beads in a chain that starts just this side of a ridge that cups Bob Lake, almost a mile away. Only the tip of the bigger pond intrudes on Sapsucker Ridge.

The posse keeps its feet dry on a bush road that runs north and south, crossing a creek that drains the abandoned pond into more ponds to the east.

Past that creek and pond, the road swings west and keeps going until it arrives at my sugar shack, which looks across the bigger pond.

Rising to the south of the sugar

shack is the biggest wrinkle of all, the ridge that gives Sapsucker Ridge its name and most of its maple syrup.

> Then another wet bottom and the land begins a slow climb to the next property

The forest overflows that imaginary line onto the Coltman acreage. Once you get past the trees, the Gull River valley and its open fields are laid out before you.

Walking familiar territory in the company of others can change the way

we think about it. Sometimes I imagine that the cycle of life on the Ridge is just as it has always been, since time before memory, which sounds like forever. Forever is an illusion.

Two hundred years ago, the Ridge would have been covered by a pine forest, as it must have been for thousands of years before that, until loggers changed all of that in the second half of the 19th century.

Loggers had another go at it during World War One, clear-cutting the last, southern wrinkle, then tickled the landscape again with a selective cut a dozen years ago.

Now you would have a hard time finding a pine tree. Hardwoods, especially sugar maples, took over. So did the plants that flourish in a hardwood forest.

Woods roads and other human intrusions open space for the blooms of asters and hobblebush. Imports like coltsfoots and dandelions line the roadsides and climate change marches the landscape north.

Coyotes yip-yap in the dark and turkeys gobble in the sunlight, where once there were neither coyotes nor turkeys. Beavers, once almost trapped out, turn wet bottomland into ponds.

Geese may have assembled on the spring-fed pond next door since time before memory, but there must have been far fewer of them when there was no short-trimmed grass for them to graze down in the Gull Valley.

Fields of shattered dreams lie just to the north of us - ruined foundations, an apple tree, dense woods dotted with pioneer stone piles.

Humans are mere players in the theatre of time. We try out scripts. Nature improvises. Since time before memory.

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**Neil Campbell** Back of Beyond

## Haliburton County news

## Public asked for input on sign bylaw

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

The county will be starting a public input process as it reviews its sign bylaw.

The process will use a "Survey Monkey approach," roads director Doug Ray said at a Sept. 19 roads committee meeting.

The county will be seeking input from the public through a questionnaire on the county's website, emailing surveys to local cottage associations and Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), placing notices in local newspapers and as well as turning to the business community.

"The chamber of commerce is willing to help us out," Ray said.

Two of the major issues are whether to allow more field advertising – billboards – along county roads and whether to restrict realtor directional signage, the sort often tacked on trees.

Ray foresees a struggle between businesses that want more field advertising and cottage associations that want county roads to be fairly sign-free, especially low-speed ones.

He used the road south of Kawagama Lake as an example, suggesting cottage associations may want to see bill-boards on low-speed roads banned.

There are no billboards there now, but they are permit-

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wanted proposed changes to the bylaw to be very clear, perhaps on a grid, so they can could be compared to current regulations.

"Right now, they're allowed but they're not there," Reid said of billboards near Kawagama Lake. "Right now the cottagers think they're being protected, but they're not."

There are 37 billboards along a 20-kilometre stretch of County Road 21 between Minden and Haliburton Village and 30 along Highway 35 between Minden and Carnaryon

The bylaw gives the county power over any signs within 400 metres of its roadways.

While the current bylaw also deals with restrictions for signage for home-based businesses, Ray thought this was something that could be changed.

"I'm not even sure our bylaw should even deal with that anymore," Ray said, adding it may cause complications with lower-tier bylaws.

"We don't have a sign bylaw," Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen piped up.

The timeline Ray put forward included receiving input up to the end of August 2013 and bringing a draft bylaw back to council in November.

Ray reasoned this would give seasonal residents a chance to comment but councillors thought it was too long.

Seasonal residents could be notified through property owners' associations, councillors said.

A draft bylaw will likely come before council in early 2013.



**Chad Ingram Staff** 

Whether or not the county should allow more billboards along its roadways is one aspect of a sign bylaw review process it is undertaking.

## County drafts letter to deal with beaver dams

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be adopting written operational guidelines for dealing with beaver dams.

The county sometimes experiences difficulties with property owners who will not deal with beaver dams on their properties or permit county staff on their properties to address problems.

Property owners are liable for any damage that may occur as a result of beaver dam they know about but don't address.

A burst beaver dam is more than capable of washing out a road and those washouts can be expensive to repair.

The county has drafted a letter that will be sent to residents with problem dams on their properties.

"Washouts to county roads are costly to repair and you may be liable to the county for the cost of repair if the washout occurs because of a break in your beaver dam," the letter reads. "Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997 you are permitted to take remedial measures to protect your property from potential damage created by a beaver dam and to appoint an agent to assist you in the remedial measures. Although it is your responsibility to deal with the hazards of your beaver dam, the County of Haliburton is prepared to assist you and share some of the reasonable costs involved in removing the beaver dam from your property."

At a Sept. 19 roads committee meeting, roads director Doug Ray said most property owners are compliant.

One exception is the owner of a large beaver dam along



**Chad Ingram** Staff

The county is adopting written regulations for dealing with beaver dams.

County Road 21, he said.

"If something happens with that thing . . . we've done our Fearrey. "We're not pressing the issue."

job," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey. "We're not pressing the issue."

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#### Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider the following amendments to the Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-law at their regular Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 27th, 2012, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street,

• SCHEDULE J: Community Services Advertising

Snowmobile/ATV Trail Signage

Nancy Wright-Laking, CAO/Clerk (705) 286-1260 ext. 217 nwright-laking@mindenhills.ca

#### **Request for Quotes**

We are requesting quotes for the following:

#### 1. Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Quotes will be accepted and received from qualified caterers, in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Quotes - Volunteer Appreciation Reception", until Friday September 28th, 2012 @ 12:00 noon. For further details please visit www.mindenhills.ca or contact Shannon Prentice at

#### 705-286-1260 ex: 313.

Any quotes for this event are to be sent to the following: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Administration Office (Second Floor) c/o Shannon Prentice P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden Ontario, KOM 2KO

#### 2. Staff Christmas Dinner

Quotes will be accepted and received from qualified caterers, in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Quotes - Annual Staff Christmas Dinner", until Friday September 28th, 2012 @ 12:00 noon. For further details please visit www.mindenhills.ca or contact Laura Cunliffe at

#### 705-286-1260 ex: 215.

Any quotes for this event are to be sent to the following: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Administration Office (Second Floor) c/o Laura Cunliffe, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden Ontario, KOM 2KO

Quote forms for both events will be available for pick up at the Municipal office between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

#### **Request for Proposals**

We are requesting proposals from qualified painting contractors to paint the upper level offices in Minden Hills. There will be a mandatory site visit Wednesday October 3rd at 10:00 am. This site visit will take place at 7 Milne Street in Minden

Tenders will be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tender for Painting the Upper Offices at the Township of Minden Hills" no later than Thursday October 11th, 2012 at 12:00 noon, addressed to:

Township of Minden Hills

Attention: Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations

Manager

PO Box 359

7 Milne Street, Minden, ON KOM 2KO

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (notices) for details or call Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager

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#### **Public Skating**

At the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, 55 Parkside Street Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00pm- 2:00pm



#### Reign of Chaos - The Final Frontier

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#### Minden Hills Museum Annual Heritage Dinner

Saturday, September 29, Cocktails 6:00 - 6:30pm

Dinner 6:30 - 7:30pm

MENU: (BY IN-HOUSE CHEF) Mixed Greens Salad with Fresh Apples, Cranberries and Maple Vinaigrette, Fresh Biscuits, Beef Stew with Seasonal Vegetables.

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#### **Artists on the Boardwalk**

September 27th

Starting in the morning, weather permitting, artists will be lined along the boardwalk. Watch as they work plein air along the beautiful boardwalk capturing the natural wetland setting. Maybe try your hand at creating your own art with supplies set out. Join us to celebrate Culture Days, a national event that recognizes the importance of culture in our community. Agnes Jamieson Gallery | Minden Hills Museum | R.D. Lawrence Place are Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road Box 648 Minden Ontario KOM 2KO. For more information please

call 705-286-3763 or check our website at

www.mindenculturalcentre.com

#### **Meetings And Events**

9:00am Council Meeting, Minden Council

Chambers (public session 10:00am) September 30th 12:00 noon, Good Neighbour Award Nomination Deadline October 6th 8am to 11:30am Household Hazardous Waste Day, Scotch Line Landfill October 8th Administration Office **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Holiday October 11th 9:00am, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public Session at 10:00am) October 18th 10:00am, Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee Meeting, Cultural Centre October 19th 12:00 noon, Gord Monk Award Nomination Deadline October 25th 9:00am, Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am) October 26th 10:00am, Minden Hills Museum Advisory Committee Meeting, Rotary Room, Minden Library 7-9pm, Halloween Dance Party, Minden October 28th Community Centre 10:00am, Finance Advisory Committee Meeting October 30th October 31st 12:00 noon, Ross Rigney Award Nomination Deadline

#### **Fire Calendar Winners**

**Calendar Winners for Minden Fire Department** Week of September 17th - Bee Allin and **Aidon Crumbie** 

#### **Call For Tender**

The Township of Minden Hills is selling, by sealed Tender Bid, the following:

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- Model 2600 International Tandem Dump Truck", will be accepted at the Township Office, 7 Milne Street, Second Floor, Minden. Ontario KOM 2KO until 12:00 noon local time on September 26th, 2012. Tenders received by the due date/time will be opened and recorded at 12:15 pm on the same date in the second floor boardroom. Payment must be made by Cash or Certified Cheque only, which must be received by the Township of Minden Hills on or before September 27th, 2012 by 12:00 noon, unless other arrangements are made acceptable to the Township. Truck and Equipment is sold "where is" and "as is". The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Inquiries can be made by contacting Mr. Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent, at (705) 286-3144 or khill@mindenhills.ca.

#### Nomination Deadline Reminder

Get your nominations in before the deadline! Good Neighbour Award – September 30th, by 12:00 noon

Gord Monk Award – October 19<sup>th</sup>, by 12:00 noon Ross Rigney Award – October 31st, by 12:00 noon Visit www.mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-1260 for full details on these awards.

#### Reminder of Ongoing Hydrant & Sewer Flushing

Hydrant Flushing is taking place during the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28th and again October 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sewer Flushing is ongoing until September 28th

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### School board amalgamation possible

**Dave Flaherty** 

QMI Agency

While realignment of school boards is a possibility, the director of education of Trillium Lakelands District School Board believes it will be a while before any decisions are

The Ontario government mandated in its 2012-13 budget that school board amalgamation would provide cost sav-

Hope said from his understanding amalgamations are

of Education "has not identified any school boards for realignment."

Hope said further consultations between the ministry and school boards will take place as the school year continues and they will have to have a "wait and see" attitude.

'We are in a holding pattern," Hope said.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board was created when the boards from Muskoka, Haliburton and Victoria County amalgamated.

Hope said if TLDSB was amalgamated it would "open up a very large-sized area."

"There are downsides and upsides," he said. "It's really up to what the staff and board make out of it."



## **TSW** to raise levels this week

Next weekend will be the best opportunity for Maple and Beech lakes residents whose boats may be stranded due to low water levels to retrieve them.

A release from the Trent-Severn Waterway says water will be added to flow-through lakes including Maple, Beech, Grass, Pine and Cranberry next week.

"For those residents with grounded vessels on flowthrough lakes within the area of West Guilford, the weekend of Sept. 29-30 will be the best opportunity to recover your boats," the release reads.

Between Norland and Coboconk, Oct. 6-7 will be the best time to retrieve beached vessels.

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#### Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics for Dogs and Cats

9 am to noon (unless specified) \$25 per animal (cash only) No exams

#### Saturday, September 29, 2012

BANCROFT Faraday Animal Hospital

Hwy. 28 South at clinic (9 am to 2 pm)

Faraday Animal Hospital **BOULTER** 

Carlow Township garage (11 am to noon)

COE HILL Faraday Animal Hospital

Wollaston Township garage (1:30 to 2:30 pm)

**GILMOUR** Faraday Animal Hospital

Tudor-Cashel Township garage (3 to 4 pm)

MAYNOOTH Faraday Animal Hospital

Maynooth Fire Hall (9:30 to 10:30 am)

#### Saturday, October 13, 2012

**BOBCAYGEON** Bobcaygeon Veterinary Service

2004 County Road 8

Three Island Veterinary Services 115 East Street North (9 am to noon)

**FENELON** Fenelon Animal Clinic

**FALLS** 474 County Road 121 **HALIBURTON** 

Haliburton Veterinary Services Haliburton Fire Hall (10 am to noon)

**LINDSAY** Kawartha Animal Hospital

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# Barge recovered from bottom of lake

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

A barge and mini excavator that sank on Kushog Lake in June have been retrieved by their owner.

Wayne Shelly of Northern Project Services told the Times the vehicles were brought out of the lake around the beginning of September.

There were recovered using lift bags, devices resembling

large balloons that are filled with air and used to float items to the service

Shelly said the process took as long as it did since the contractor he used had to purchase more bags, which had to be ordered from England and were then shipped to the U.S., then to Alberta and then finally Ontario.

In the spring the ministry of environment visited the lake and said there were no fuel leaks.

While there was some leakage of a soy-based substance used to operate the barge's hydraulic system, an MOE spokesperson said it posed no environmental threat because of its biodegradable nature.

"There were a couple of people who complained because they thought they had an issue with [pollution along] the shoreline," Shelly said, but said it had nothing to do with

He was not fined by the ministry.

The barge and excavator are once again operational.

### Highland Roller Girls look for 'fresh meat'

The Highland Roller Girls, Haliburton County's premier roller derby league is launching the 2012/2013 season with a new logo (see image at right) that reflects the feisty nature of the sport. The logo depicts a pin-up roller derby girl, yielding an axe.

"We wanted to brand ourselves with a logo that made us recognizable as being from the Highlands," says Highland Roller Girl, Elisha Barlow, who was part of the committee that created the design.

Roller derby came to the county in 2011. The allwomen contact sport has a huge following in Canada with new leagues springing up all over Ontario. Peterborough, Lindsay and Orillia all boast teams.

The Highland Roller Girls are recruiting new members, otherwise known as "fresh meat." No experience is necessary. An information session and a meet and greet will take place Thursday, Sept. 27 between 7 to 9 p.m. at McKecks in Haliburton. The night will introduce women to the sport, allowing them to try on equipment, watch some videos and learn about the game.

For more information contact the highlandrollergirls@ gmail.com.

-Submitted by Erin Lynch



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## Metis Transit eyes Minden Hills

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Metis Transit gave a presentation to Minden Hills councillors during their Sept. 20 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The company, run by president Darren Parberry, is seeking to establish a bus line linking Peterborough County to Haliburton County through the Buckhorn area.

Parberry visited Algonquin Highlands councillors three weeks ago and they granted him support in principle to proceed with his business plan, which requires no municipal funding.

Parberry intends to generate revenue through fares and advertising by local busi-

Fares would be \$2 and \$4 respectively for regular and premium express tickets, weekly passes would vary from \$26 to \$30 depending on age and monthly passes from \$110 to \$130 depending on age.

Parberry said bus shelters would be lit with solar panels and buses would operate using solar power and biodiesel.

"We're going to be totally green," he said,

adding the buses would also be accessible for the disabled.

Parberry, who has also received support from Highlands East council, will be surveying county residents about their transportation needs.

"All I'm asking is for a support letter, basically, nothing else," he told councillors.

He also visited Dysart et al council this week and they accepted his presentation but did not lend support in principle.

While the company currently operates no buses, Parberry said he'd spoken to suppliers and could get some very good deals.

The buses, he said, would be small, carrying 20 to 25 passengers.

Councillor Larry Clarke thought it was an interesting concept, given the hurdles of transportation in the county.

"It sounds like an exciting opportunity," said Reeve Barb Reid.

The matter was referred to staff and councillors will make a decision at their meeting next week.

For more information, visit www.metist-

### Kawartha Credit Union recognized



Kawartha Credit Union is being featured on The Best Small and Medium Employer in Canada website during the last two weeks of September. As a veteran participant who continuously places on the Best Employers list, the website illustrates more of what Kawartha offers as a leader of employee engagement.

Becoming a Best Small and Medium Employer is an extremely detailed and competitive process, based on survey questions completed by employees from all areas of the company. This national awards program recognizes top employers with between 50 and 400 employees. The study mirrors the renowned Best Employers in Canada initiative run by Queen's University School of Business and Aon Hewitt but caters to smaller businesses. The study, now in its eighth year, was published in Profit Magazine in February 2012.

-Submitted







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# Reads of the week



#### **Book of the Week**

The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty The year is 1922, and the times, they are achanging. For women especially, the 1920s

marked a radical shift in not only fashion sense, but central values. Thirty-six year old Cora Carlisle cannot imagine the ways in which the world will change in the coming decades, and with an unwavering worldview,

takes on the task of chaperoning fifteen year old Louise Brooks on a trip to New York City. But Cora's life is far from perfect, and while Louise trains with the prestigious Denishawn Dance Academy, Cora embarks on a mission

> to answer a question that continues to chisel away at the core of her being. Neither Cora nor Louise can anticipate the life-altering consequences this trip will have on the rest of their lives. Laura Moriarty's The Chaperone is an engaging and thought-provoking read, available to reserve in print and e-book form from Haliburton County Public Library.

#### **Junior Book of the Week — Picture Book Title**

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

When Miss Rumphius was a little girl, she told her grandfather that she would travel to many places and own a home by the sea. Her grandfather replied by telling her that these were wonderful plans, but that she must also do a third thing: make the world a more beautiful place. When Miss Rumphius grew up, she accomplished her goals, but she didn't know how to do what her grandfather had asked of her. She thought, and she thought, and she thought, until one day she found her answer. And in a manner true to herself, she made the world a brighter place. Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney is an endearing picture book, celebrating its 30th anniversary with the release of a new remastered edition, which further highlights the author's gorgeous illustrations. This commemorative edition of Miss Rumphius is available to reserve from Haliburton County Public Library today.

#### **Local Celebrity** Read

Ellie MacNeil of the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County

**Public Library** loves to read non-fiction. Missing Sarah by Maggie de Vries is one of her recent favourites. "It is a must-read for everyone," says MacNeil

Maggie de Vries is the niece of famous Cana-

Author

dian children's author, Jean Little. It was through her friendship with Jean Little that MacNeil was drawn to read Missing Sarah. "When Maggie was a young girl, her parents adopted a First Nations baby and raised her in their loving family," MacNeil explains. "Her new sister, Sarah, knew this was a caring home, but for some reason she never felt comfortable there. Years later, Sarah ended up in Vancouver's notorious Downtown East Side. In 1998, Sarah disappeared from her usual corner of Princess and Hastings. Her DNA was found on Robert Pickford's farm but because no remains were ever discovered, he could not be charged with her murder."

"Missing Sarah takes us to the East Side and we meet many of Sarah's friends and hear their stories. We learn about the bright and charismatic Sarah and of her spiral downwards resulting in her death," says MacNeil. "Take time, and a box of tissues, and read this touching portrait of a segment of society many people would prefer to ignore."

#### **News & Events**

Those interested in discussing compelling books like this should consider joining the Minden branch's latest book club, which will be run by MacNeil. "Rather than everyone reading the same book, this book study group will have members all reading about the same topic, either fiction or non-fiction. We will then share our feelings about this common topic. Some of the areas we will visit include Afghanistan, Canadian authors, women's issues, Black history, Africa, biographies, to name a few," says MacNeil. "The first meeting is on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m., in which we will be discussing our favourite books. You can sign up by visiting or calling the Minden branch, 705-286-2491.

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## **Community Living seeks more opportunities**

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Community Living Haliburton County, which provides social and employment opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities, wants to expand its relationship with Minden Hills.

Tim Tofflemire, a staff member with the organization, visited councillors at their Sept. 20 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"We're looking at expanding our man-

date," Tofflemire said, explaining Community Living has worked in the past with the township, which employed some its clients through its parks and recreation depart-

Jobs have included chalking the ball diamonds and cleaning sidewalks.

In Dysart et al, jobs have included cleanup of the Drag River, snow removal and paper-shredding for the township.

"I've had wonderful success throughout the county with our programs," Tofflemire

With 10 clients in the Kinmount, Carnarvon and Minden areas, Tofflemire said the organization is looking at being set up in Minden two days a week out of St. Paul's Anglican Church and the Minden Legion.

All of the businesses that employ clients are given monthly invoices.

"We sort of base it on minimum wage," Tofflemire said, adding that the organization's clients are covered through its liability insurance wherever they are working.

The organization's mandate is not just about employment, but also social integration and building inclusive communities.

"Everybody gets value out of that," Tofflemire said.

Councillors seemed to embrace the idea. "I'm very much in support," said Councillor Larry Clarke.

"Thank you for coming in and raising the awareness," said Reeve Barb Reid.

For more information on Community Living, visit www.communitylivinghaliburtoncounty.com.

### Nominate a youth for the Ross Rigney Award

If you know of an outstanding youth in the Minden Hills area, you could consider nominating him or her for the Ross Rigney Award for Civic Contribution.

In grateful recognition of the Township of Minden Hills's first reeve, Ross Rigney, as well as the value he placed on mentoring youth and encouraging their participation in the community, the Township of Minden Hills has established the Ross Rigney Award for Civic Contribution as an honour for an outstanding young person in the township. The award is intended to be presented on an annual basis, and consists of a \$200 bursary, a small recognition plaque for the recipient as well as recognition on a master plaque kept on display at the Township Office.

The Ross Rigney Award for Civic Contribution will recognize an individual recipient once per calendar year. Award recipients will have demonstrated an outstanding achievement that has brought positive recognition within and to the municipality of Minden Hills.

The Ross Rigney Award for Civic Contribution recognizes a youth for noteworthy achievements and contributions to the community of Minden Hills on a voluntary basis such as serving on a committee or committees and other volunteer work with individuals, organizations and groups.

Areas of distinction could include: arts/ culture, literary, humanitarianism, volunteerism, athleticism, politics, science, community groups such as Scouts/Guides/ Cadets etc.

This award shall only be given when warranted in the opinion of the selection com-

Sealed nominations must be made in writing, with the envelope clearly marked "Confidential - Ross Rigney Award," and submitted by Oct. 31 by noon to the Township of Minden Hills, Clerk's Office, PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

Eligibility:

- · Nominees must reside in the Township of Minden Hills
- · Nominees must be between 12 and 19 years old as of Dec. 31 of the year for which

the award is given

· An individual shall be eligible for nomination in more than one year; however, that individual shall not be eligible if he/she is already a recipient of the Award.

Nominations:

- · Nominations will be accepted on a continuous basis, and must be on the designated Nomination form.
- · Nomination forms must be received by the Committee prior to the close of business on the last day of October of the current year and must be signed by a minimum of three people of which at least two must be adults.
  - · The nominees should not be made

aware of their nomination.

**Selection Committee:** 

The Selection Committee will consist of a representative of the Rigney family, a member of the council of Minden Hills, and, after the inaugural year, the winner of the previous year's award.

Award Presentation:

Recipients will receive their award at a special presentation ceremony. The presenters shall be the current reeve of Minden Hills (or designate) and a representative of the Rigney family.

The deadline for nomination is noon on Oct. 31.

## Schools get thousands in Parents Reaching Out grants

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has received \$17,995 in funding for 21 project applications by school parent councils within the district.

All schools had the opportunity to apply to the province's Parents Reaching Out grants program in the spring.

Grants for school councils are intended to support school-based initiatives to reach parents who face barriers to becoming involved in their children's education.

"This funding provides a wonderful opportunity for parents to encourage other parents to participate in school activities, states director of education, Larry Hope. "It's exciting to see new, innovative ideas coming forward from our school councils."

Locally, Archie Stouffer Elementary School received \$1,000 for parent/student fun and information nights.

In Haliburton, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School received \$1,000 for its second part of the aboriginal education parent outreach symposium and Stuart Baker Elementary School got \$1,000 for Plan in Place.

"We've heard many times that an important part of student achievement is the level of engagement on the part of the parent," stated Karen Round, chairwoman of the board. "These projects are an integral part of our efforts to promote parent engagement."

TLDSB Parents Reaching Out projects will be initiated throughout the 2012-2013 school year. For more information please visit the Ministry of Education website at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html.

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## Fourton County news

## Palliative care suite receives donation

**Jenn Watt** 

Editor

While the hospital doesn't yet have approval to start construction on a second palliative care unit, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is still getting ready for

The most recent donation from the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association has the ball rolling to provide better end-of-life care within Haliburton hospital.

Dale Walker, executive director of the foundation, and Don Popple co-chairman of the board, gratefully accepted \$1,000 from the association on Sept. 20.

Walker explained that the campaign for the palliative suite will officially launch in the spring, but donations are being taken now. They estimate a second suite will cost about \$600,000. Draft plans include a separate entrance to the hospital and a family room alongside the second bedroom suite.

The Local Health Integration Network has approved the plans, but they haven't yet come back from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Walker encouraged people to contact MPP Laurie Scott to put pressure on the government to get paperwork back.

Soyers Lake has been supporting the foundation since at least 1998 with \$9,300 in support so far.

Alongside the donation to the foundation, the association also made a \$100 donation to the county's defibrillator program in memory of Kieran Wulff, a local man who died after being pulled from Soyers Lake this summer.



Jenn Watt Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation members celebrate a \$1,000 donation from the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association on Sept. 20 at the Haliburton hospital palliative care suite. The money will go towards a campaign to build a second suite at the hospital. From left, Don Popple of HHHSF; Case Bassie, president of the association; Dale Walker, executive director of HHHSF; Kim Stamp, vice-president of the association; and Gary Moffatt, the association's treasurer, share a laugh in the hospital's first palliative care suite.

### Bidding open for foundation fundraiser

Tune in to both local radio stations Thursday and Friday to support Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 and 28, the sixth annual radiothon will be offering up fun, fundraising, auction items and prizes.

One of the auction items is a cedar Haliburton room donated by Carriage House Designs. Bids are accepted now with the first bid at \$1,800. Bidding ends at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The room has a value of \$11,000. (Bid ahead of time by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580.)

Supported by both Moose FM and Canoe FM, the radiothon is broadcasting from 212 Highland Street across from

In the five previous radiothons, \$147,000 has been raised for hospitals and health-care facilities in Haliburton and Minden with 95 per cent of all money donated going to the hospitals.

This year, the funds raised will go to the new palliative

Thanks go out to Curry Motors, Todd's Independent, Country Rose and Garden Centre, Ridgewood Ford Sales, Jim Mitchell, Larry and Lisa Tompkins, Minden Auto Care and Jan McMaster and Gord Schakelaar - Assante Wealth Management as well as the dozens of volunteers, especially radiothon chairman Brian Daoust and committee members Lynn Childs, Sandre Daoust and Klara Oyler.

This Carriage House cedar Haliburton room is one of the items up for auction in the HHHSF radiothon.

Submitted



### First West Nile virus case in health unit confirmed

The local health unit is renewing their warnings about the West Nile virus after the first case was confirmed.

A resident in Northumberland County, at the south end of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, was infected with the virus, but is recovering.

"The heath unit also received confirmation that a horse on a Northumberland County farm was diagnosed with West Nile infection," a press release from the health unit reads

In Ontario, five horses have tested positive for the virus

this year and 189 human cases have been reported.

West Nile virus is spread through mosquito bites from insects that have bitten infected birds.

"Even though the cold nights and cooler fall days will eventually kill mosquitoes, it's obvious they are still active and still pose a threat," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the health unit said.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include fever, headache, muscle weakness and stiff neck. In some cases people report confusion, tremors and sensitivity to light.

If you suspect you have the virus, seek immediate medical attention.

The health unit is encouraging residents to continue to avoid mosquitoes by wearing long-sleeves when outside, using insect repellent, keeping screens on windows and doors and removing standing water around homes, cottages and campsites.

## Legion writing contest winners

Christian Royal Canadian Legion Branch (S) The Royal Canadian Legion is such an amazing organization. The Minden branch doesn't only look of ter the poppy fund the branch prodide's much much more. Minden is so lucky to have the Legion. With the support of the Minden Branch the A.S.E.S Breakfast club can afford food. The Minden Branch help's by giving some money If you saw how many kid's come to breakfast club you'd be amazed seeing all the Kidthat get to cat. Most of the time kid's conteat because of how early we get up as every budy says breakfast is very important The Minden Branch also help with Girl Guide's and cub's they give money for bodges, money so hids can come to Girl Guide's and cubs. Kids love the fun and having the badges assembly it make's Kids

feel special and lucky. · Ourbranch also help's famlig's that have mon's ordos in the war by giving them money. The money is so the family can buy food, clothe, toy and to pay the bills. The family's are so blessed that the Branch is able to help these family and give them money. The Branch also help's disabled people by giving the Easter Seals Compaign \$130,000.00 every year this money is so the E.S. ( can buy weel chairs and crutches. It is probably such a pleasure for people to move .The Branch supports the somious program by giving money for congregate dining, footdinics, adjustional seminars. The seniors must be hoppy that there is some one to help them pay for the thing's they need. The Branch of minden helps with Frack and field by paying for trophy and ribbons. The ribbons are

for kids so they don't feel like a loser. Some people also wish the kid's good luck so the kid can feel confident Our Branch give's many to the Recication Program after school at A.S.E.S so Kid can have fun and make friend. Kidscan have snack's and go outside, The Branch give some money for craft's, toy's and movies. Kids would have no fun at the program if the Branch didn't help get the stuff the program needs to make it fun and entertaining. This amozing Branch also Keep Remebrance Day alive and remined's people with poppy sat store's and other place's. They also have a coremony near the book store. They buywrealtso seaple can have them up. to My branch send's food, she ter and medical care to our veterans fighting in the wor.

It must be a pleasure to get the food and supplies from the branch. Just think for I see for then to send this stuff it help the veterans a lot by having some where day to sleep gatting to eat food all 3 meals breakfast, lynnich and dinner our Branch is amazing. Minden is such a very lucky town to have the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636. There generosity of helping people by donating thing and giving money change's our town so much they have done so much they change live's they are just so anazing.

Above, Kathryn Christian, 11, placed first in a contest put on by the Minden Legion branch explaining the institution's importance. The contest marks the 25th anniversary of the branch.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 Minden

The Minden Branch 636 of the Royal Canadian Legion does a lot to support out local community. The poppy fund helps veterans and their families. They support youth groups like Cubs and Girl Guides. The Legion keeps Remembrance Day alive. They support the local elementary school Track and Field Meet. The Legion supports the breakfast club at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the after school recreation program.

The money from the poppy fund helps veterans and their families because if they have no money to buy gas to go to Toronto for a doctor's appointment, the Legion would give them some money to help

The Legion supports the breakfast club at my school. Some kids in the school don't have a lot of money to buy food. So the Legion gives money to buy food for the breakfast club and the volunteers get it ready. That is very generous of the Legion to do that for kids.

The Legion supports the after school Recreation Program. Some parents are not home to get their kids at the bus stop. So they just stay at school until their parents come and get them.

Branch 636 of the Legion supports Remembrance Day. People who were in the war and died, their families like to remember them, and

The Legion also supports the local Track and Field Meet for the kids from the elementary schools in Haliburton County. Every kid likes to get out and run and get ribbons that the Legion pays for. Probably the Legion members like people to run to get lots of exercise and to

participate. It is so generous of them to buy ribbons for the kids. They also pay for the trophies and the plaques and they do the opening

The Legion supports the Girl Guides and the Cubs by giving them money to help pay for their camping trips. The money also helps to pay for their uniforms.

They support hockey and baseball for kids because they pay some of their costs.

The Legion donates money to people who can't afford to buy a wheelchair or crutches.

They support low income housing for people who don't have a lot of money to afford to rent a house.

The Legion is very helpful for doing all of this and so generous.

Jesse Johnson

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Third place winner in the Minden Legion essay contest went to 11-year-old Jesse Johnson.

## Cross Country returns

Country Run hosted by J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School drew 184 runners from grades 1 to 8 and seven schools participated: J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary

School, Stuart Baker Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School, Cardiff Elementary School, Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School, Birds Creek Elementary School and York River Public School.



**Darren Lum** Staff

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School intermediate boy Josh Boice, left, runs beside Sean Walker of Minden at the start to the 12th annual Cross Country Run hosted at JDHES on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Grade 7 Boice, who finished first, edged out second place Walker, who is in Grade 6, down the stretch of the two-kilometre course.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 4 Eli Samson of Minden charges up a hill during the junior boys race at the 12th annual Cross Country Run at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 25.







# Things to do this fall in the Highlands

The Haliburton Highlands is arguably at its most beautiful during late September and early October as the leaves turn shades of amber and crimson and the air is cool and fresh.

Take some time to check out the following events across the region to take in all that the season has to

#### Colourfest Haliburton – Sept. 29

There's a big fall festival happening downtown Haliburton all day Saturday, Sept. 29.

Colourfest, an annual event put on by the Business

Improvement Area, includes music, food and activities against the backdrop of Head Lake and the village's downtown.

Attractions include a farmers' market, vintage cars, giant pumpkin guess-the-weight contest, pet contest, corn roast and more.

There will be dancing in the street, music by several local bands, a fish pond for kids and a chance to meet different kinds of wildlife.

For more information, go to colourfest.ca or email info@colourfest.ca.

The event runs Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Keith Rydberg Artist Talk – Sept. 29

Local artist Keith Rydberg will be meeting the public from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton (23 York Street) on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The artist will discuss his show at the gallery titled 'Cat-astrophe... and other things."

Rydberg creates reliefs in wood, which "come alive with humour and insight into the nature of cats (and other things as well)," a description of his show reads.

Contact the gallery at 705-457-2330 for more information.

#### Harvest Harmonies - Sept. 30

Every year, a dedicated group of women from across Haliburton County get together to celebrate the season and raise money for other women in Africa.

The local chapter of Grandmothers to Grandmothers hosts a spectacular afternoon of delicious goodies, good music and fall festivities with money raised going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help grandmothers in Africa whose families have been affected by HIV/

Drop by Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast, 17359 Highway 35 north of Carnarvon on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. to take part.

There are unique gifts to buy, a chance to rest your feet and have a snack.

#### Kinmount Farmers' Market -Sept. 29 and Oct. 6

The weekly market has just two dates left for the season. Visit the market, located off Main Street Kinmount by the Burnt River near the Railway Station to find organic produce, homemade baked goods, soaps, handcrafted artisan work, maple syrup, beef, lamb and chicken. You can also hear terrific musical perfor-

For more information, email info@kinmountfarmersmarket.ca or call 705-799-1237.

#### **Haliburton County Farmers' Market –** Sept. 28 and Oct. 5

Along the shores of Haliburton's Head Lake, you can find area farmers selling their goods from 2 to 6 p.m. Fridays until Oct. 5.

Each date has a specific theme with a focus on a specific food. Past events have included a feature on sauerkraut, mushrooms and rhubarb, for example.

Find the farmers at Rotary Beach in Haliburton, on the north side of Head Lake Park with access from Park Street off Maple Street (Highway 118) in Halibur-

For more information, call 705-457-0991 or email incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com.





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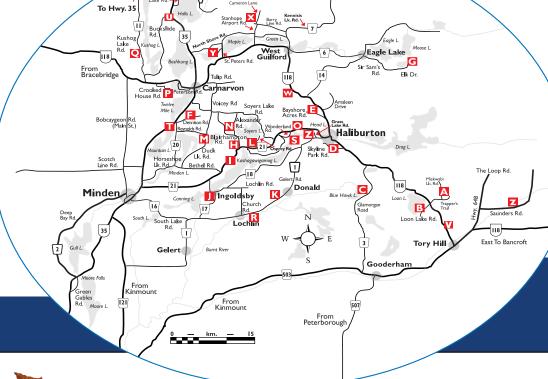
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## September 25 & 26, 2012

# Woodworking a lifelong passion

#### Story by Angelica Blenich

When Kevin Dunlop was a kid he built a five-storey tree fort with his friends.

From that moment on he knew he wanted to create things, so he spent the next 45 years doing just that.

"After that tree fort I was hooked," he said.

Now Dunlop, 53, has made a name for himself as a reputable furniture maker and as a marquetry artist.

A graduate of the Ontario Woodworking Centre at Conestoga College, Dunlop always followed a path that would lead him to wood.

Born in Ottawa, the artist was at a farmers' market when he met a man who created marquetry.

Dunlop was immediately interested in the art form.

"I thought it was this old, dead European art form, so when I saw this guy sitting there doing it I chatted him up and he immediately shared that he was ill and wanted to retire and sell his business," he said.

On the spur of the moment Dunlop offered his services to work for free for a year while he was in school, in order to learn the craft.

The arrangement was that at the end of the year, if he had learned enough, Dunlop would buy the business.

"My buddies in school thought I was nuts because they were going off to work in mines and such to make money for school and I was working for free. They thought they wouldn't see me come back."

Come back he did and by the second year Dunlop had been accepted into the Ottawa Christmas Craft Show, with his instructors allowing him to use the school's facilities to prepare for the show.

In return Dunlop was graded on the merchandise he created for the show.

The artist has been following his passion since he was a young boy, back in his tree fort days.

"I had my parents get me out of the Catholic school board and into the public school board in Grade 4 so that I could get to a school that had a wood shop, even though wood shop class didn't start until Grade 7."

By high school Dunlop was already building furniture, while his peers were making birdhouses in shop class.

He went to community college at night to learn more about furniture making.

"I had a real passion for that."
In the 1980s Dunlop found himself
in Haliburton, working with emotionally
distressed children.

A year later he was in love with the



Highlands.

"The inspiration of the landscape and wildlife, that's what really floats my boat," he said.

Years spent working in outdoor education and as a manager at La-Z-Boy Canada had the artist yearning to return back to his wood shop, doing what he loved the most.

"When I was doing those other jobs

to make ends meet, it just rotted my soul. This [woodworking] is just an obsession, I have to do this. I could honestly make a better living bagging groceries but I'm really driven to do this."

Dunlop has been a part of the Studio Tour for the past 12 years, creating both furniture and art out of inlaid wood.

Located on County Road 21, The Marquetry Man studio

features an eclectic mix of landscape pieces, handmade chairs, coffee tables and other wood items made by the artist

From start to finish, Dunlop creates every piece himself, beginning with sketching and drawing, to designing and adding the finishing touches on each chair, wall hanging or table.

The artist will spend between 14 to 16 hours on a smaller piece and hun-

dreds of hours on a large wall hanging or furniture item.

A wide array of items of various styles can be found in Dunlop's studio, however, his favourite project always comes back to chairs.

"Early on when I was still at college I was asking one of my teachers about chairs and he simply said most furniture makers do not make their own chairs,

they just buy them from big factories and then just finish them to match a table. His reason was they're too difficult, it's tough to get a really comfortable chair that still looks good and that intrigued me to design and make a comfortable chair that still looked good."

Dunlop uses all types of wood in his studio, his favourite being cherry.

"You put it on a lathe and it turns like butter ... and as it ages it has this rich, deep colour that you just can't duplicate."

The artist credits the studio tour as the reason he his able to make a living in Haliburton.

"Last year the studio tour provided 100 per cent of my year, including the work that went right out my laneway over those four days, but I also took orders that took me right through the winter."

A well-organized and professional event, the tour is an opportunity for artists to get their work seen. Welcoming thousands of visitors into his studio during the multi-weekend event, for Dunlop the tour "is everything."

"There's such a critical mass here, for the artistic community to be able to hook into the energy of the other artists, it's so helpful. You don't feel as isolated," he said.

Apart from bringing clients into his workshop, he sets out to bring people to the Highlands, to experience the beauty firsthand.

"I've consciously tried to make my work only available in Haliburton County, I'm trying to give back to the area," he said.

The philosophy has worked and over the years Dunlop himself has witnessed events such as the tour and Colourfest grow and draw people to the county.

"It took a few years for the tour to gain momentum but now all the hotels and restaurants are full on those [tour] weekends and Colourfest was a spin-off from that ... That can only help us in return because they've created more of an attraction where people want to be here on that weekend. It's a symbiotic relationship."

That relationship has benefited artists like Dunlop firsthand.

"Last year, on the day that Colourfest was on, that was the best sales day of the whole studio tour for me," he said

Humble about his skills and dedication to his art form, Dunlop is quick to admit he is technologically challenged.

The artist is currently in the process of joining MadeinHaliburton.ca, an online gallery where local art is promoted and sold.

Dunlop previously taught marquetry classes at the Haliburton School of the Arts for 10 summers.

This year he has been selected by the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited to be the featured artist. The relationship will involve work created and donated by the artist to the organization's annual charity auction.

A husband and father, Dunlop credits his family for their support and encouragement over the years and for allowing him to follow his dream.

In preparation for this year's tour he has spent months creating new, large pieces he is excited to unveil to the public.

"I need to show people what can be done, then their imagination starts working," he said.

The 25th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour takes place on Sept. 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit www. haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca.





## Local artist takes a step towards her dream

#### Story by Darren Lum

Between the schedule of her two jobs, mixed media artist Tiffany Howe shares what it means to be the newest artist on the Haliburton County Studio Tour

The 28-year-old environmentalist has alabaster skin and long brown hair and carries off vintage and recycled textile with grace. She's excited to be part of the most established and recognized art tour in the area.

Howe, who was winner of the Arts Council-Haliburton Emerging Artist of the Year in 2010, said the tour has been around almost as long as she has, and she's always admired perennial studio artists like Rose Pearson and Tom Green.

"I loved to go on the studio tour when I was younger and had the time," she said. "It's kind of surreal. I didn't expect that I would be here."

She describes her pieces as multimedia work that combines painted images with the layering of recycled materials, fabric and paper for a textured overall finish. Other than the paint, the

piece is entirely recycled, she said.

With several years of experience in art and an ongoing effort to make a living from art, she feels the tour is a significant step in achieving her dreams. She hopes her work will convey there is more than just a practical aspect to recycling.

"You don't need to always use and have new things for them to be beautiful," she said.

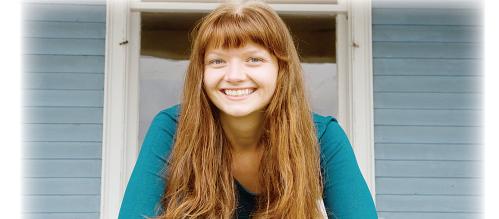
The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate will have her work showcased at Tom Green's location, Glass Eagle Studios. Howe said she worked with Green in high school that always reminded her to "go for it."

Through most of high school, Howe

Through most of high school, Howe was taught by teacher and local painter Rose Pearson. She was not only taught skills, but also received encouragement.

After a few years in Toronto, where Howe attended Sheridan College, she came back to the Highlands to earn enough money for a studio in Toronto. The return became permanent as she unearthed a forgotten love.

"For most people that grow up here it's hard to imagine yourself living here. You think there are bigger and better



things out there. So I came back to make money and get a studio in Toronto and ended up falling in love with here again ... I got stuck in a great way," she said.

The tour is from Sept. 29 to 30

(from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and finishes the following weekend from Oct. 6 to 7 (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

See www.haliburtonstudiotour. on.ca for more information.

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# Sisters give Christmas an artistic flair

#### Story by Jenn Watt

About 20 years ago, two sisters made a pact: if they found themselves alone, they would join households and move in together.

A couple of years ago, they put that plan into action, buying a home on the lake.

What wasn't part of that pact was opening a studio dedicated to antique Santa Claus dolls.

"I had no desire to marry again," says Lynn Murray, one half of Two Sisters Studios.

"My sister lost her partner some years before I did and felt exactly the same. We're happy as two peas in a pod and have never left here."

Murray and her sister Anne Thornton-Trump live an unusual, but rewarding life on the lake.

They moved north from their former home in

Kleinburg, Ont., in the dead of a Haliburton winter, spent a year renovating and now have a bastion of Christmas cheer on the edge of Halls Lake.

There they create Santa dolls from century-old moulds they acquired in Europe.

Their product may seem niche, but it has gained traction both with those nostalgic for days past and those looking for a timeless decoration for the holidays.

"The figures are created from a special recipe of liquid paper maché composition and poured into moulds," Murray explains.

That's the part Thornton-Trump does. Then Murray assembles the pieces and paints them.

The entire process takes about 18 hours per doll. "We use only the materials that would have been used a century ago," she says.

The pair grew up in British Columbia, but have fond memories of the Haliburton area from their mother, who was an artist.

When they took up the arts themselves, Haliburton and its strong arts community seemed like a good fit.

"We wanted to be in the artists' community in Haliburton because artists need other artists in order to stay creative. That is what drew us here ... We found the community very quickly because one person that we knew up here was also an artist," Murray says.

The two sisters do two major shows a year: one

for doll collectors and one for Christmas collectors and have been featured in museum exhibits in Europe.

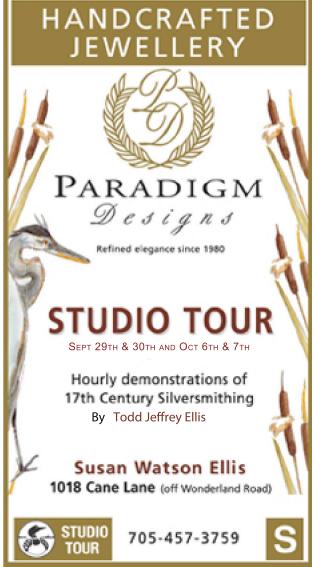
Those attending the studio tour this year will have a chance to check out Two Sisters Studios for the first time.

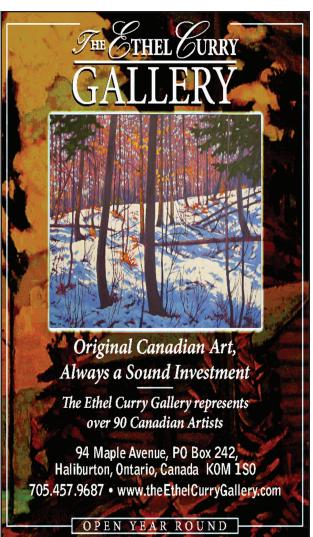
The pair has already decorated a 50-foot spruce tree outside their home and has fully decorated inside with a Christmas theme including Christmas cookies and a Christmas cranberry drink.

The studio is at 17102 Highway 35, north of Carnarvon on Halls Lake. Go to www.twosistersstudios. com or call 705-489-1473 for more information.













# For something completely different

### Story by Jenn Watt

You won't find a lot of cottage knick-knacks at Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

One of the newest stops on the Haliburton County Studio Tour is also one of the most "urban" when it comes to style.

Situated in the valley of Tory Hill across from McCue Lake, a small crew of artists led by Terry Craig and Jenn Wanless-Craig pump out substantial volumes of glass art.

Their most popular product, beer bottles converted to glasses, has become one of the big draws for Artech, though they do much more.

"It had always been a dream" to own a glassblowing studio, says Terry Craig.

Eight years ago the couple bought the old Tory Hill church and converted it into a home and studio. They converted a shed into a small production facility and they now have one fulltime staff member and one part-time.

There they make colourful glass creations like glasses, vases, bowls and standalone art.

Jenn is the business side of Artech, while Terry focuses on production (though they are both involved in some way in all parts of the business).

Both have formal art training and moved from Toronto to the country to give their daughter a childhood that includes getting outside. Artech takes commissions, sells in 155 shops and has a rigorous schedule of art shows. This year's studio tour offered them a chance to save some money, travel less and have a bit

The couple has decided to make their stop on the tour a window into their lives. They will feed visitors the diet of a glassblower: potato chips, water and bananas.





They've also made accommodations for kids and pets, which are both part of their lives, and there will

be demonstrations of glassblowing.
For the first weekend, they've hired a facilitator for kids' programming, Aaron King, who usually runs the Art Attacks at Rails End Gallery. King will engage kids' natural curiosity, teaching them about how colours are added to glass creations, allowing them to touch different pieces of glass and giving them a colouring book.

He will be running programming on the first weekend, Sept. 29 and 30. For pets, there will be a penned in area and refreshments. "We tried to make it a unique experience," says Jenn.

Aside from their wholesale work, Artech is often commissioned for special projects, such as the Haliburton Winterfest awards and Chamber of Commerce

Most recently, they were asked to make props for a feature film coming out next summer, which they can't yet talk about. "Because of this niche market, there aren't a lot of glass studios that are out there,"

The couple has a daughter, Anabelle, 8, who participates in the business and has some cup-and-saucer lawn decorations for sale on the tour.

Terry explains that the project is teaching their daughter about the financial side of art – she had to cost out labour and materials and price the decora-

They are excited to be on the tour, which they see as an opportunity to have customers into their studio and to engage on a more intimate level.

Artech Studios is at 18639 Highway 118 in Tory Hill, only metres from its intersection with County Road 503. Contact them at 705-448-9522 or info@ artechstudios.ca. The studio tour runs Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 6 and 7 throughout the Haliburton High-





at 1009 Camp White Pine Court. **705-457-9960** 







# Building a community for artists -

### Story by Jenn Watt

The impact of the Haliburton County Studio Tour cannot be easily measured.

Bringing economic stability to artists, an attraction in the "shoulder season" for the Highlands and fostering a community for painters, potters and other creative types, in 25 years the tour has done much.

While they're celebrating a milestone this season, you won't notice much fanfare from the 42 artists at 26 locations throughout cottage country; they're too busy working.

The tour is one of the year's biggest money makers for many of the artists and they take it seriously.

Something only dreamt about in 1987 when the first tour was launched.

"We knew the Muskoka tour was successful and we were hoping to have that kind of success," says Rickie Woods, a potter and one of the tour's founding members

"We wanted another venue to sell our stuff. A lot of us were younger and the way we sold our stuff was through galleries and the summer sale in town [then at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School]." They were nervous, but ambitious, and out of their effort came an institution the Haliburton Highlands would be known for.

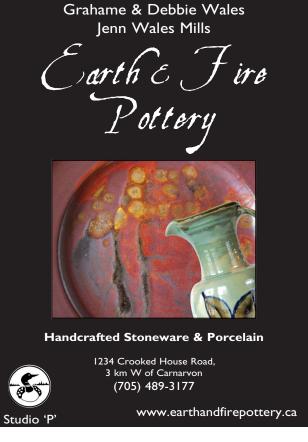
"There wasn't the incredible arts community that there is now [in Haliburton]," says current tour co-ordinator Thom Lambert of the early days.

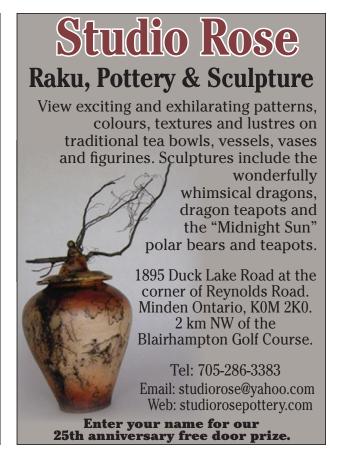
"I think people take for granted the amazing arts community we have here. Along with the guild of fine arts starting the summer school [Haliburton School of the Arts], it's been one of the things that has established Haliburton as a place were artists can live and

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# Tour celebrates 25 years in the Highlands

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work."

After Muskoka and Dundas Valley, Haliburton County's studio tour is the oldest in Ontario.

Its staying power has come from dogged volunteerism by members of the tour, steady promotion and high quality art.

"It's very, very important to us that when people come that the quality of the work and the quantity of work is enough to support someone coming back year after year after year," Lambert says.

The work is juried and carefully selected to offer a wide variety for customers and to ensure the artists on the tour are able to produce the amount of work necessary.

Despite the lucrative opportunity presented by two weekends of steady customer traffic, there is turnover in the artists every year.

"We have turned over at least two studio spots a year," Lambert says, "There's this perception that it's the same thing it was 10 years ago. I shake my head and say you can't be serious. This year we have three brand new members. Last year we added three brand new members. The mix is changing constantly."

This year, the tour welcomes Tiffany Howe, Two Sisters Studios and Artech Studios (see page 5 for more).

For Woods, the event not only brought artists a new venue for sales, but introduced new customers to artists' studios.

"What the tour did was it became a marketing event for studios. It brought people onto the back roads and made it less intimidating to explore," she says.

Finding business for her art was a big deal for the potter 25 years ago.

She had recently found a passion for the craft and had invested in equipment in her home.

"That was a big incentive of the tour: I had to pay back this money for the equipment," she says.

With support of her artistic colleagues and the

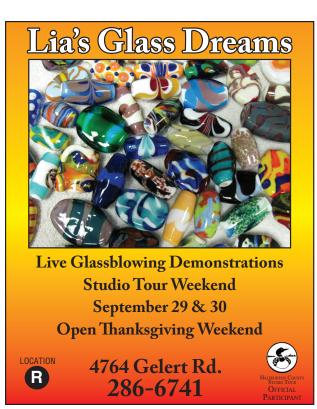
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wider community, Woods became a success in Haliburton and was able to stay home with her four kids as she made art in her studio.

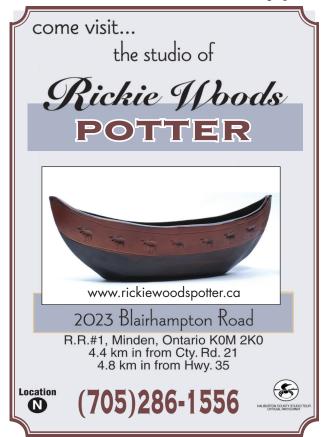
"I was really, really lucky. ... We had a really strong support system here," she says, giving a nod to her mentor, artist and teacher Mary Wallace.

For woodworker Finn Samuelsen, the tour brings new customers to his County Road 21 business year

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# Something new from something old

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over year.

Samuelsen creates unique wood pieces in his shop at Vintage Debris and calls himself a homebody.

Since he runs the business on his own, the artist puts a priority on keeping the studio open for drop-in traffic, which means skipping art shows where sales often happen.

The tour introduces new customers to his studio yearly.

Samuelsen's been on the tour since 1999 and says he'll stay on it as long as he's able.

"I do see a lot of faces I've never seen before ... I would say there's always a good turnover of familiar faces as well as new ones," he says.

The 13-year veteran of the tour thinks he's got the customer type nailed down: on the first weekend, the "serious" art buyers show up to get a first crack at the

By Thanksgiving weekend, a more casual family crowd dominates the scene, still buying, but not as aggressively.

Still, there is no saying exactly what volume of sales he'll see.

"From one year to the next, retail is a crazy business. There is really no rhyme or reason," he says, "I appreciate the volume of people that come in. The sales are generally good."

Samuelsen rescues wood from old buildings and gives them new life. In 2005, his business partner Barry Thompson retired, leaving Samuelsen to create on his own.

When a building is being torn down, he will get in touch with the owner about salvaging the materials.

"Then I go in and one board at a time deconstruct anything that's viable," he says.

His work creates a lot of dust, so unlike some other artists on the tour, Samuelsen doesn't create pieces during the event.

His current big seller: the Lazy Barb, a six-sided piece similar to a Lazy Susan.

Samuelsen's experience of the tour is part of the vision hatched 25 years ago, something Woods is proud of today.



"I am extremely proud of it, but it really is a group effort. You can't do it by yourself," she says.

In the next 25 years, she imagines the tour continuing much the same way.

"I'm really hoping we can maintain the quality and the momentum of having people come up here on those weekends," she says, likening the tour to treasure hunting for participants.

The biggest challenge she sees comes from the tour's greatest strength.

"We are self-directed; it is the artists that are responsible for organizing, advertising and everything

It means a lot of volunteerism and long nights for the artists, but it has also paid off over the years.

"That is really important that our tour has always

been artist-supported ... I think there's a level of respect too, to know that we do it ourselves.'

Lambert thinks the tour will survive the next 25 years because of the experience it creates for patrons.

"I don't believe it's an outdated model. I really believe people love visiting an artist's studio," he says.

And the artists love the visitors.

"I don't call it work. I call it play. If it becomes work, I won't have an open sign anymore," Samuelsen

"If you're going to do something for a long time, have fun."

The Haliburton County Studio Tour runs Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 6 and 7. Read more about it in the pages of this Fall Tour supplement or go to www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca.







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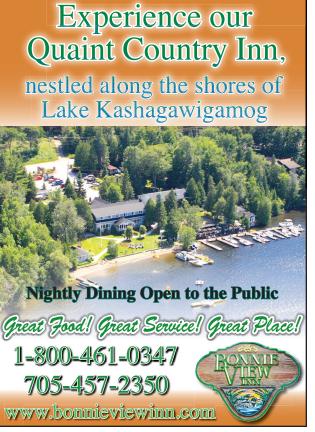




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# Fun for everyone

Hello from the Colourfest Corner The news on Gail's grapevine today is ... ready ...

Our annual fall festival is for you, for you families and for your friends. We set our theme at our very first meeting: Family Fun For All! The Haliburton Village BIA believes in community. The festival sponsors believe in community. Our vision is two-fold: to bring visitors to our county, to our village, to our local stores and businesses and, more importantly, to provide a wonderful fun-filled, something-for-everyone community day for you!

With a combination of great local talent, many non-profit organizations, contests, special attractions and really neat things to see and do, all we need is you to make it work. Come rain or shine, bring your enthusiasm (and your lawn chairs) and catch the spirit of community!

Thank you to the Haliburton Village BIA for the wonderful opportunity to co-ordinate this year's festival. For me, the best thing is always the people I meet and get to know. You make the work a pleasure. And, it is also about making a difference in my community, in lives of others and especially in the lives of children. Co-ordinating a "family fun for all" day is just about

See you at Colourfest 2012! Gail Stelter





### Ode to Haliburton in the fall

I told you the last time 'bout the green leaves The loons on the lake and the balmy breeze; And about those geese that leave us their track And about all the gulls and the ducks that quack. But all the storekeepers I forgot to mention Believe me it wasn't my intention Always so helpful for whatever you need They all do their best, oh yes indeed. Now here comes the fall with its golden leaves And the geese winging south in honking Vs. The hills turn to flame with touches of yellow And apples get ripe and start to mellow. It's up to the "lookout" what a glorious view Bringing rapture to me and to you. Our guests start to leave us with faces so drear They just can't wait to get back next year. Oh yes, they are gone and the streets grow bare, The lake skims over but the snow doesn't care. Out comes the long-johns; but with heads bowed We're ready for the snowmobile and skiing crowd. By Ev Stata





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**12 NOON** 1:15 PM

JAZZ KITCHEN **CUSTOM BLEND** 

2:15 PM 3:30 PM

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BARBARA LYNN DORAN

RIVER JUNCTION BAND

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AMELIA & THE MAYOR

**12 NOON** CARL DIXON

1:15 PM - MOONTONES

2:00 PM SHOUT SISTER

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3:30 PM - CAMP X



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9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

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#### FALL STUDIO TOUR INFORMATION ARTS COUNCIL HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS MOOSE FM

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SCHEDULE FOR HIGHLAND STREET ATTRACTIONS

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9:30 TO 4PM -

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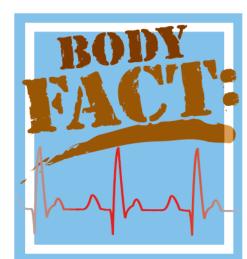
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### **Roller Skating Word Find**

Just in time for Roller Skating Month, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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### **Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to find out the phrase.

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Answers: Roller skating is fun.



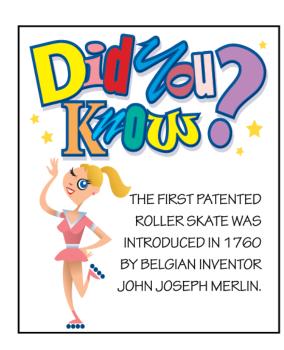
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### Decorating the town

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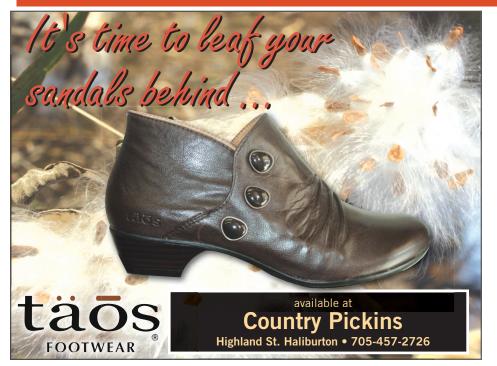
















# Put pumpkins to use

Autumn is the season when pumpkins are ripe for the picking, and thousands of people flock to local farms and roadside vendors to select perfect pumpkins. Many pumpkins are turned into decorative jacko'-lanterns for Halloween, only to be tossed in the trash come Nov. 1. That could be because many people are unaware of the various ways they can put pumpkins to good use

Pumpkins are gourds and members of the squash family and have been grown and used for thousands of years. Evidence suggests that pumpkins date back to 7,000 B.C., possibly originating in Mexico. Today they are widely used for decorating around Halloween, but there are many other things that can be done with pumpkins.

- Create a food vessel. Pumpkins can be transformed into bowls to hold soup, punch, fruit or even dips. Make sure the pumpkin has been cleaned well of its pulp and seeds, as well as the stringy flesh that is inside. Rub the inside walls of the pumpkin with oil to keep them from drying out and caving in, then fill with your food of choice.
- Make pumpkin purée. Purée from a pumpkin can be used in all types of recipes, from soups to baked goods. The purée also can replace the oil in cake recipes. Cut the pumpkin and scoop out the seeds and stringy membranes. Then place it cut-side-down in a pan with a little water in the bottom. Bake at 350 F for around 90 minutes. The flesh will become tender and easily removable. Blend the resulting puree in a food processor and reserve flesh for recipes. Some pumpkins are sweeter or better to use as part of recipes. Check the variety you're purchasing.
- Whip up a facial. Use some pumpkin purée with a little brown sugar and a dash of milk to create a vitamin-rich facial mask.

- Get illuminated. Turn hollowed-out mini pumpkins into candles. Melt soy wax, beeswax or the gel type of candle wax that can be found at most craft stores. Add your favorite scent and place a wick into the bottom of the pumpkin. Then pour the wax into hollowed-out space and allow it to harden. Try the same thing with bumpy and multicoloured gourds for added decorating appeal.
- Turn the pumpkin into a flower pot. Fill a hollow pumpkin with soil. You may not have to worry about scraping the pumpkin completely clean because the pulp can be used to help fertilize the potting soil. Plant your favourite fall flowers into the festive and earth-friendly flower pot. When the pumpkin shows signs of rotting, simply put the whole thing into a traditional flower pot or bury it directly in the ground.
- \* Make pumpkin stock. While vegetable or meat-based stocks may be the standards, pumpkin can be used to make stock as well. Clean out the seeds from the stringy guts of the pumpkin and put the guts into a pot filled with water. Add celery, carrots or any other aromatic vegetables for extra flavor. Allow to boil for at least 30 minutes. The stock is ready when it begins to change color. Strain and reserve the stock for use in a variety of recipes
- \* Add to compost bins. Pumpkins are rich in zinc, vitamin A and vitamin C, among other nutrients. You can add the discarded pumpkins to your backyard compost bins to further replenish the soil.
- \* Turn into a billowing cauldron. Instead of a standard jack-o'-lantern, put a glass jar into the carved pumpkin, add dish soap and hot water to the jar and then put in a piece of dry ice. Bubbles and smoke will pour out of the pumpkin to create a spooktacular effect.



The Colourfest committee won two Festivals and Events Ontario awards last year: Best New Event and Best Promotional Campaign. Colourfest is a Business Improvement Area event run each year in downtown Haliburton. Committee members from left, Marilyn Frost, Sandre Daoust, Jim Frost, last year's organizer Jerelyn Craden, Debra Dart, BIA administrator Rosemarie Jung, Andy Glecoff and Bill Wakely. File photo



### Delicious fall recipes

#### Caprese Salad-Style Panino

vine-ripe tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick

1/2 pound fresh mozzarella, sliced thinly

leaves fresh basil

loaf of ciabatta bread, or desired crusty bread

Extra-virgin olive oil

Balsamic vinegar

Coarse salt and pepper

Heat up a panini maker (according to manufacturer's directions) or skillet Grease the insides by brushing on some olive oil. Cut open the loaf of bread and baste the top and bottom with a little of the extra-virgin olive oil. Layer slices of tomato, mozzarella and basil on the bottom half of the bread. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Brush the outside of the sandwich with more olive oil and place on the panini maker or skillet to cook, until the crust is golden

together equal parts of the olive oil and balsamic vinegar with a small amount of salt and pepper to create an easy balsamic vinaigrette. Use as a dipping sauce for pieces of

#### **Bean Pot Beef Stew**

1 pound round steak, cut into bite-sized pieces

1 large yellow onion, roughly chopped

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 cloves garlic, chopped fine 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes

6 cups beef broth (or stock)

11/2 teaspoons dried thyme

3 bay leaves

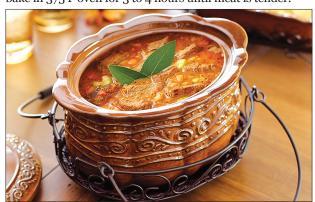
2 cups potatoes, cubed

1 cup celery, diced

1 cup carrots, diced

Salt and pepper to taste

Rub steak with olive oil and coat with salt and pepper. Let steak sit at room temperature in bean pot while preparing all other vegetables. Chop and dice everything, then add to bean pot. Add beef broth (or stock), thyme, bay leaves, diced tomatoes and salt and pepper. Cover and bake in 375 F oven for 3 to 4 hours until meat is tender.



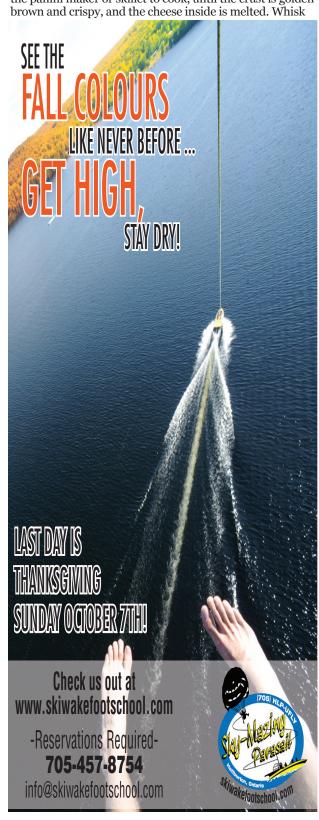








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# Barbeque Beef Dinner

St. George's Anglican Church (Mountain Street, Haliburton)



Saturday, September 29th, 2012

2 sittings – 5 & 6:30 pm

### **Tickets:**

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# Colourfest

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# Autumn in the Garden

### Story and photos by Karen Sloan

Fall is a great time to get a many of those chores done still lingering on most gardeners" to-do lists.

It's a great time to get the jump on

By the time September rolls around, it's time to start thinking about planting some spring flowering bulbs. I do recommend planting bulbs as soon as possible only because I've been caught off guard once or twice myself when an early snow fall or frost has occurred, completely missing my opportunity.

However, bulbs can be planted right up until the ground freezes. It's best to select firm, disease-free bulbs. Consider how you choose vegetables at the market and treat bulb buying exactly the same way.

When planting large bulbs such as tulips and daffodils, it's best to dig down to at least six or eight inches. Smaller bulbs like grape hyacinth or crocus should be planted about three inches deep.

A good rule of thumb is to plant

bulbs two and a half times the depth of the bulb, and then an inch more, and, make sure to plant bulbs with pointed end up.

My favourite task is to clean up all the dead and decaying plant debris from my vegetable

and flower gardens, only because I've thanked myself the following spring when the snow melts and the new growing season can get underway minus one big job.

In the spring, all that debris is mushy and not much fun to deal with.

This cleanup includes weeds, and once again, you'll thank yourself next year!

Don't underestimate the power



of those few weeds left behind.

Looks can be deceiving. They're not dead, they're dormant, and will happily take their place tenfold next spring. Weeds have this amazing ability to spread fast, so my advice is to pull them out now.

Perennial flower beds can also be mulched, but I tend to do this later on in October or even November, depending on the weather, and only after the plants are dormant. A good organic mulch of three to four inches will aid the plants during those periods ahead when temperatures don't behave in an

expected seasonal fashion.

When this happens, the ground heaves as it freezes and thaws and root systems are forced to the surface of the soil, exposing them to the elements. Mulching will help maintain a more even temperature, keeping plants safe from what I like to call winterkill.

Don't tuck away the raised bed too soon. Many vegetables aren't affected by a light evening frost, so long as the days still warm up nicely.

Greens like lettuce and spinach often can be harvested within 30 days of planting. Got even more time before Jack Frost really settles in?

Think about carrots, broccoli or Swiss chard.

If you haven't started a compost pile, why not use all those leaves and the garden debris.

Throw in some lawn clippings, shredded twigs and vegetable and food waste that can be reapplied to your garden next year. Composted material is a great soil addition.

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# Presare your garden now for next year

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Another task I like to get done is to clean up and maintain all of those garden tools I abused all season.

Gardening tools will last for many seasons if they are properly maintained. Clean, sharp blades on spades, shovels, hoes, and shears will make garden work much easier.

Although tools should be cleaned

after every use, like me, most gardeners are too busy to even consider this.

By the end of the season, tools don't work as well, which makes pruning and digging more difficult.

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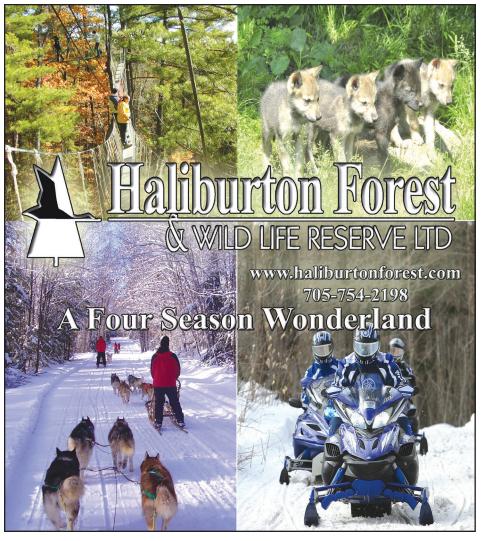
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# Thanksgiving at the Cottage

### Story and photo by Janet Trull

As the smell of turkey and pumpkin pie drifts down the road, we are thankful to be a cottaging family.

Even as we say goodbye to summer friends, we know that the little bit of Haliburton we keep in our hearts will get us through another winter.

The comfort of cottage routines reassures us that spring will come again. Putting the waterline in. Taking it out. Putting the docks in.

Taking them out. Whether it is a humble cabin or a sprawling family compound, a cottage is more than a building.

It is a refuge where a lifetime of May 24s and Thanksgivings mark the ebb and flow of the years. The best parts of cottage life cannot be purchased at any store. Here is a list of things to be thankful for at the cottage.

- A fire pit. The fire ban made us realize how much we love our fire. The birch bark. The wood shavings. The kindling. The match. Then somebody says, "I was just remembering...." and the stories start. Campfire voices connect us and protect us in the dark forest
- A dock. The water is lapping, the loons are calling, and the fish are jumping. Although no one is thankful for dock spiders, true cottagers have

learned to co-exist with them. Where else would they live?

- A challenge. It is a coming of age test. You must swim to the point and back, or around the island, or across the lake. If you don't, you will never, ever become an adult.
- A smell. Even if you were blindfolded, you would recognize it; that special smell that greets you when you walk in the back door of the cottage after being away.
- A bookshelf. Some cottages have full sets of *Hardy Boys* and *Nancy Drew*. Our cottage classic is *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We all aspire to be as good as Atticus Finch. Atticus, by the way, with his pipe and patience, would have been a very good cottager.
- A shed. It smells like decomposing leaves and mouse pee. This is where old life jackets go to die. Light filters in through chinks in the clapboards to reveal paint cans, the water skis that Dad learned on, and a jar of rusty nails that somebody might need one day.
- A ghost. Our ghost is Uncle Whit. He was rumoured to have buried a coffee can full of cash somewhere on the property, and we live in hope of finding it and striking it rich. A ghost comes in handy to explain strange sounds and missing keys.
- A game. Scrabble, Balderdash, Clue. Take your pick. Cards and dice

and a cribbage board give cottagers a break from electronics. There is nothing as gratifying as watching a teenager bent in silent concentration over the Boggle letters.

- A night sky. The constellations, as the song goes, reveal themselves one star at a time. Cassiopeia, vain queen of the summer sky, is easy to spot with her distinctive "W" shape. Meteor showers and northern lights and full moons never disappoint.
- A grave. After chasing red squirrels until his old hips gave out, the beloved family pet is buried under a pile of stones and broken hearts.
- A hammock. This simple invention is exactly what cottaging is all about. Lie down and listen to the birds. Look up into the branches. Let the gentle motion rock you into a bottomless nap.
- An outhouse. Ever notice how they all smell the same? It is very likely that you have neglected this old friend, letting it sink into the forest floor so that the door no longer opens. Still,

it serves as a good reminder that we should be thankful for indoor plumbing.

- A project. Maybe it is a ruined canoe, waiting for fibreglass. Maybe it is a partially finished stone wall. Maybe it is a jigsaw puzzle on the card table. Be thankful for the gift of puttering about.
- A memory dear to your heart. For me, it is the memory of my mother-in-law whose Thanksgiving preparations started days in advance. By the time we arrived at the cottage on Friday night, there were already smells that promised cranberry sauce and pies and special stuffing.

She rose early to put the turkey in the oven, because she liked to cook it on low heat for a long day of excruciating articipation

ing anticipation.

We still haul out her 1944 Mixmaster to mash the turnip and the potatoes, and then, as she taught us, we wash the beaters and the bowl and put them in the fridge to chill, ready to whip the cream for the pie.



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### Story by Jerelyn Craden

The Studio Tour is in and of itself a must-see experience. But with the spectacular colours of fall and the Highlands' 600 lakes and magnificent Canadian Shield as its backdrop, you've got the addition of an original Mother Nature masterpiece.

'Visiting the Highlands in the fall should be on everyone's to-do list," said Ann Lavery, facilitator at Haliburton Highlands Visitor Centre. "Our tagline, 'A natural work of art,' describes it perfectly."

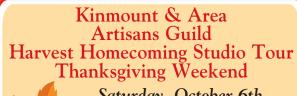
With so many exceptional ways to see the colours: walking trails, picnic areas, historic attractions and more, visitors are in for some excellent adventures along the Studio Tour trail.

### **Haliburton Skyline Park**

A camera-lover's dream, the lookout offers a magnificent panoramic view of autumn's fiery colours embracing Head Lake, Head Lake Park and the village of Haliburton. To get there: Take Hwy. 118 five minutes east of Haliburton village.

**Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower** An extremely popular fall attraction, the Dorset

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# Hiking trails offer awesome view of landscape

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Tower, built in 1967, offers a breath-taking view of the colours from its observation deck 142 metres (465 feet) above Lake of Bays. The incline is fairly steep so sturdy shoes and a reasonable level of fitness are recommended. Facilities include an extensive picnic site, restrooms, a tourist information kiosk, a gift shop and a hiking trail. To get there: take Hwy. 35 just north of the village of Dorset. Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Sir Sam's Time Tunnel

A unique, fun way to see the fall colours is riding Sir Sam's Time Tunnel to the top of the ski hill. 1,100 feet long in two stages, the covered surface lift takes you to great hiking trails for an awesome view of the natural landscape below. Pack a picnic lunch or munch on Sir Sam's home-cooked fare in the chalet, open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To get there: take Hwy 118 to West Guilford, turn onto County Road 7, then veer right onto County Road 6. Follow 6 to the town of Eagle Lake. Go through County Road 14 to Sir Sam's Road and turn left to the ski area.

#### **Haliburton Forest Reserve & Wolf Centre**

Take the Wildwoods Walk (five kilometres), in a privately owned 70,000 acre forest, and venture among

autumn's fiery colours while enjoying hand-crafted Land Art created by local Haliburton artists from natural elements of the forest. Meet muchloved mascot, Hershey the moose. Chow down at the Cookhouse open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Or visit the Wolf Centre, home to a pack of captive timber wolves. To get there: take Highway 118, 35, or 121. At West Guilford, cross the bridge and take County Road 7 for approximately 20 kilometres (12 miles) to Base Camp. Come to the main office, sign a simple waiver of liability and enjoy!

#### High Falls Hiking Trail, South Algonquin Park

Barry Martin, experience broker with Yours Outdoors was quick to share his favourite autumn outing: "A wonderful adventure is a trip to Harcourt and along the scenic shores of Elephant Lake to the High Falls Hiking Trail in South Algonquin Park. A 20-minute walk will take you to a spectacular set of waterfalls framed by amazing autumn colours. Nearby is South Algonquin Trails where you can horseback ride among the massive trees. Then, dine at the Old Ridge Authentic Barbecue at the corner of Hwy. 648 and County Road 10 or at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt." To get there: take Hwy. 118 to Essonville Line. Turn left to Wilberforce. Turn left and follow Hwy. 648

to Harcourt. Turn left to County Road 10 past Elephant Lake to High Falls Hiking Trail.

#### Tory Hill Community Park & IB&O Rail Trail

It's easy to wax poetic about the drive along Hwy. 118 east from Haliburton to Tory Hill in the autumn and the picturesque Tory Hill Community Park at the corner of Hwys. 118 and 503. With the historic IB&O Rail Trail that runs from the park through the village along McCue Lake, home to beaver and heron, wetlands worthy of a Kodak moment, plus a children's playground, it's a great place to picnic, play and hike. To get there: take Hwy.

118 east from Haliburton until it meets County Road 503.

#### **Ritchie Falls**

This beautiful spectacle of rushing waters is, perhaps, one of the Highlands' most photographed places and well worth a visit, especially in the fall. With Mother Nature at her best, this natural, rustic area inspires the imagination and refreshes the spirit. To get there: Take County Road 1 (Gelert Road) to Ritchie Falls in Lochlin.

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# Sculpture Forest offers unique artistic experience



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of the tens of thousands of men who made their living in the logging industry and whose courage helped forge the communities of rural Ontario. Once used to carry logs over rough river to sawmills, the refurbished chute stands in pristine condition offering a unique window into the past. Picnic beside roaring waters. Walk through colourful woods. Stand face-to-face with a two-million-year-old-rock. Enjoy the historic onsite exhibit. To get there: take Hwy. 35 to Little Hawk Lake Road (County Road 13) for three kilometres to Big Hawk Road. Turn left to 1584.

#### Minden Riverwalk and Boardwalk

The Minden Riverwalk loop-trail hugs the shores of the gentle Gull River and delights visitors as it meanders through the Village of Minden, as well as the many sculptures completed by talented local artists and carvers. In addition, the new 1.5 kilometre wetland boardwalk runs north from the Minden Riverwalk to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Community Centre/Arena offering a glorious experience year-round, further enhanced by the colours of fall. To get there: take Hwy. 35 to Water Street.

### **Haliburton Sculpture Forest**

A unique outdoor collection of sculptures by Canadian and international artists, beautifully exhibited among pristine walking trails, the Sculpture Forest experience is ideal for families looking for an interesting outing, those who enjoy outdoor trails, and people looking for a unique artistic experience. To get there: take County Road 21 via Industrial Park Road and College Drive (Fleming College) or from Hwy 118 via Bayshore Road and Museum Road (Haliburton Highlands Museum).









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### Story and photo by Chad Ingram

Quilts are made not just with bits of material, but also with love, Barb Leffering says. Leffering, who owns Kinmount's Quilter's Inn, will be part of the Kinmount and Area Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour on Thanksgiving weekend.

"They're memories," she says. "I believe there are no ugly quilts."

There are certainly no ugly quilts here. Quilter's Inn, which is also Leffering's home, is filled with colourful quilts made by a woman who clearly knows what she's doing.

She started back in 1995, at the encouragement of sister, Shirley, who was already quilting.

"My sister came out [from Saskatchewan] and said, 'you've got to make a quilt," Leffering explains. "She really enjoyed quilting and thought that I would."

Leffering had done some sewing in her younger years, recalling hemming a pair of pants as girl.

"I made a hell of a mess and my mother made me wear them," she laughs. "My feeling, even though I'm a



Barb Leffering wraps herself in one of her quilts outside her Kinmount business. Quilter's Inn is part of this year's Kinmount and Area Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour.

quilter, is that machines were made to sew so that I don't have to."

Leffering does the sewing on her quilts using a hand-guided, long-arm

quilting machine, a gigantic contraption located in her sunroom.

Quilting seems to run in the family. Along with Leffering and her sister, their mother, pushing 90, also quilts, as does Leffering's son, Brenton.

One of his pieces earned a thirdplace finish at the fair this year.

Why does Leffering enjoy quilting so much?

"The art, bright colours . . . I love fabric," she says.

The Fabric Shack, housed in Leffering's garage, is a cornucopia of colours containing a plethora of patterns.

Along with selling her quilts, doing customized commissions and giving lessons, she also sells fabric and quilting supplies.

Quilter's Inn also offers mini retreats where quilters can rent a bedroom in Leffering's house for the weekend and use her quilting tables and equipment.

The business is open Wednesday through Friday in the afternoons, Saturday and any other day of the week by appointment or chance.

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# On the water

### Story and photo by Steve Galea

The lake is the same; it is the season that's different.

The power boats of summer are gone – all but a few trailered home and stored for the year.

The sounds of jet skis and big outboards are a distant memory. Their rooster tails replaced by silent foam lines sprawled across the surface. The whoops and fireworks of summer have left us too. All that remains is the hiss of wind on water and the sound of the paddle.

Canoeing now takes a bit of effort. My boat's bow bucks in the wind and waves. If I break stride for just one moment, I am swept sideways. If I rest, my canoe and I will be swept towards the leeward shore.

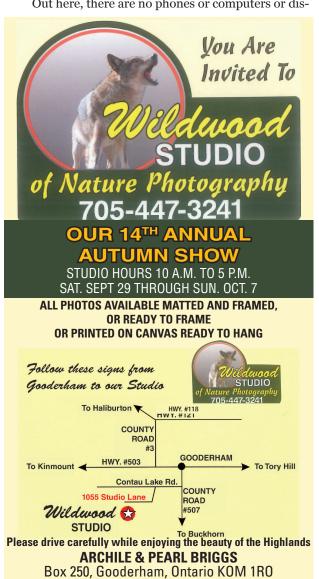
So I immerse myself in the rhythm of the paddle. I fine tune that J-stroke so that my bow cuts the waves and splits the wind. And I open my eyes to the wonder that surrounds me.

The lake is, once again, the domain of herons, gulls, loons and the mergansers that race and wheel across the horizon.

Below, the weed beds have receded for yet another season and the fish, if they are near, are not keen on the fly I am dragging.

For once, it doesn't matter. I am enjoying the solitude

Out here, there are no phones or computers or dis-



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tractions. The air is fresh and cool with a hint of cedar; the sun is bright and high and warm.

The lake, for all intents and purposes, is mine for the moment.

Here I am, teetering precariously on the edge of seasons. Behind me are the soft, velvet nights of summer; ahead are crisp, autumn evenings that grasp stars firmly and squeeze every last ounce of brilliance out of

I cannot help but look forward to it.

Autumn, for me, has always been a time to marvel most at what nature has to offer. It is a season that ages gracefully from green to white. And, in between, there are those colours that turn placid lakes into stained glass and hint that the world is one big cathedral.

Out here on the water, as the days get shorter, a brooding loneliness will grow. There will be visits by die-hard fishermen, canoeists and kayakers. On some lakes, the duck hunters like me will ride the pre-dawn waves and watch sunrise slip over the trees and the flights pass through.

But, for the most part, we abandon our waters come autumn.

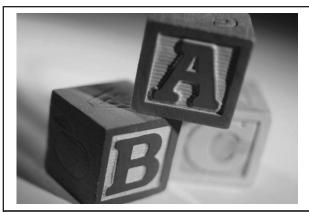
And so here I am saying goodbye. For this is a lake I will not hunt ducks upon. And though I might fish it a few more times, the magic of that sport abandons me when the leaves begin to carpet the woods and my breath forms mist in the cool air of morning.

It seems right that this lake should be given a rest from the motors and the noise and the cannon-balling kids of summer. It seems fitting that solitude should return to it, if only for a while.

I paddle some more and head out to the centre. I've stopped fishing long ago. Now I only go through the motions.

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# Kinmount tour offers something for everyone

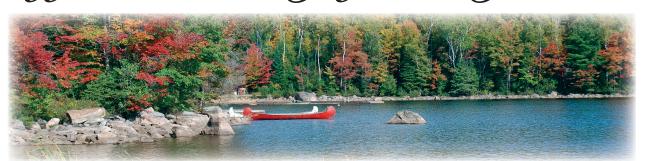
Looking for a special way to celebrate Thanksgiving weekend while enjoying the colourful autumn landscape with family and friends? Plan to travel along the 18th Kinmount and Area Thanksgiving Homecoming Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

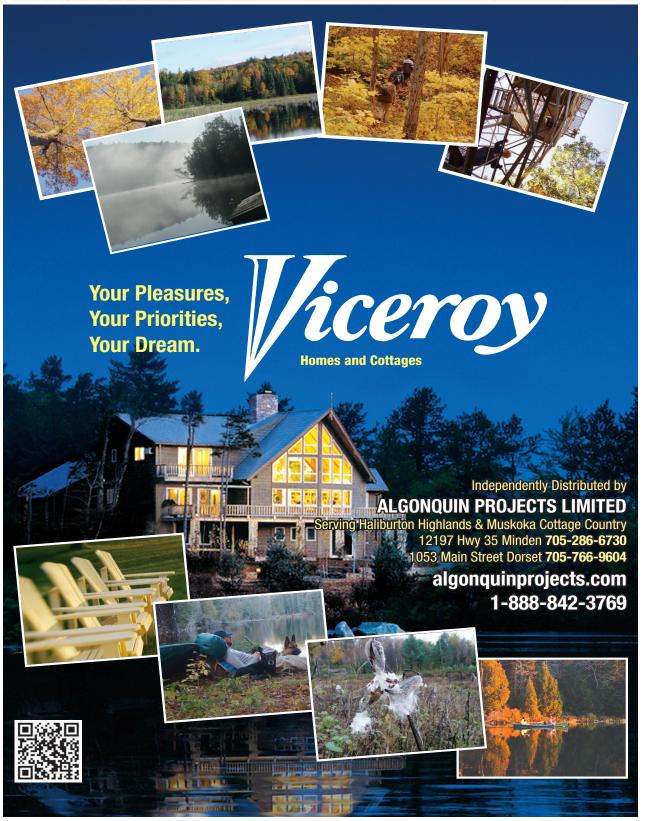
At the various locations, all within a short driving distance of the town, visitors will be warmly welcomed by guild members and their guests. At each stop there will be demonstrations, displays and a variety of items for sale either for gift giving or personal enjoyment. This year for the first time the newly renovated, fully accessible Galway Hall, 579 Galway Road, will be on the tour with four very different studios set up there including antiques and collectables while potter Bernie Nicholson will be at her log home on the French Line off the Crystal Lake Road.

What a great time to get a head start on your Christmas list! There is always something of interest for everyone – fine art, folk art, stained glass, photography, jewelry, handknits, quilting, woodworking and so much more. Brochures with maps are available now at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Community Centre, at other local businesses or by calling 705-488-2201/2938. Information is also posted on the guild's website at www.kinmountartisans.ca or by a link on the town website at www.kinmount.ca.













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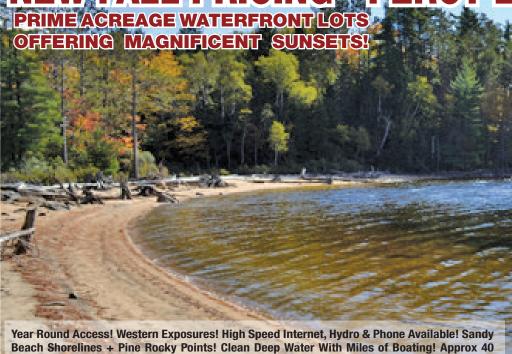




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9	547 FT	8.0 Acres	\$342,000.
10	386 FT	3.9 Acres	\$355,500.
11	647 FT	19.7 Acres	\$427,500.
12	773 FT	6.1 Acres	\$405,000.
13	323 FT	2.7 Acres	\$261,000.
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# **OPP launch seatbelt campaign**

The Ontario Provincial Police alongside our other policing partners will be participating in the Ministry of Transportation provincial seatbelt campaign which begins Monday Sept. 24 and ends at midnight on Saturday, Oct. 6.

During this time, the OPP officers will increase their visibility throughout the province to ensure that motorists are wearing their seatbelts and that children are properly

Chief superintendent Don Bell, commander of the Highway Safety Division says: "20 per cent of all fatalities this year on OPP-patrolled roads are as a result of individuals not wearing or improperly wearing their vehicle restraints. This number is unacceptable. Every day OPP officers see needless injuries and deaths on our roads that could have been prevented by wearing seatbelts. Remember, it's one person; one seatbelt."

Ontario made the use of child car seats mandatory in 1976. Today, all caregivers - including parents, grandparents and child care providers - are responsible for ensuring that children under age 16 in their care are properly secured with the appropriate child car seat, booster seat or

OPP deputy commissioner Larry Beechey reminds motorists that seatbelt non-compliance draws a fine of \$200 and two demerit points. "In the 36 years since the seatbelt laws came into effect, you would wonder why we still have to have these provincial campaigns.

"It should be automatic that when you get into a vehicle you buckle up," says Beechey.

Always remember to do your part as a driver and ensure everyone is buckled up and children are properly secured every time you get in a motor vehicle.

Submitted by the OPP

### Prenatal classes to focus on labour, delivery and infant care

While the official Labour Day was marked in early September, if you are expecting a baby, it's still very much on your calendar.

Preparing for labour and the birth of your baby is important, as well as knowing what to expect when you come home from hospital with your newborn. That is why the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging expectant parents to sign up for a Prenatal class being offered this fall in Haliburton County.

The free healthy beginnings prenatal class starts on Oct. 23 and runs the following three Tuesday evenings -Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. Expectant mothers and their partners are encouraged to attend the class.

To register or find out more information about the program, call the health unit at 705-457-1391, toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or email prenatal@hkpr.on.ca. Expectant parents are encouraged to register early, even if they have just found out they are pregnant, as this will be the only class offered in Haliburton County for the rest of 2012.

"A new baby does not come with an owner's manual." says Tracey Westlake, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Taking part in the prenatal class can help parents plan for a healthy pregnancy and birth, and give them advice on how to care for the baby at home."

The prenatal class focuses on labour and delivery,

infant care and safety, feeding the baby and adjusting to life after the baby is born. Each participant will receive a free copy of the Healthy Beginnings pregnancy guidebook. Information about health unit services and programs that support healthy families will also be availa-

Westlake says one of the best parts of the prenatal class is having people come together and share their expectations and experiences. "It's a wonderful dynamic, knowing that you are not alone in preparing for a new baby, she says. "In many cases, the friendships you form with people in the class carry on long after the classes are finished and the babies have been born."

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### Legion to host studio tour lunch Oct. 6



The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 has had a busy September. We also suffered the loss of Bess Currie, president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Bess was a hard worker and will be missed. As you saw in the last issue of the Times, we had a wonderful 25th cel-

The kitchen has been busy and many events have taken place. We are trying something new by having entertainment on Friday nights.

Last Friday, the Sunday Breakthrough entertained mem-

bers and guests following dinner. Feedback from many has encouraged us to invite them back and have them start earlier in the day.

We have other entertainers lined up for Oct. 5, 12 and 13. Further information will come out in the community calendar in this newspaper in the near future.

Our golf tournament was postponed due to inclement weather but we are hoping it will occur on Sept. 25.

We plan to serve a special studio tour lunch on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Legion will also have a trunk sale that day. Spaces for the trunk sale are \$10 each and can be reserved by calling the Legion at 705-286-4541.

Please support our Legion by coming for lunch Monday to Friday, coming for our fresh battered fish and chip dinner on Fridays and by coming on Sunday afternoons to watch NFL Football.

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### **Red Hawks easily** win field hockey opener

Red Hawks varsity B forward Shea MacNaull, who scored a goal, works through the Holy Cross Hurricanes defence during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School home and season opener on Thursday, Sept. 20. HHSS won 5-0. Red Hawks forward Sydney Feir scored the first goal which was the game winner.

**Darren Lum** Staff

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# **Highland Storm tie first game 5-5**

The Highland Storm Peewee A team kicked off their season by travelling up to Humphrey to play Parry Sound this past Sunday. The energy was high right from the puck drop and both teams traded chances in the opening minutes. Josh Bellefleur made some nice saves in the early going which allowed time for our boys to settle in to the rhythm of the game.

Carter O'Neill got things going halfway

through the period with a nice shot from the point that was deftly deflected by Kyle Cooper. Kyle had a great game, quickly scoring again to put the Storm squad up by two.

Parry Sound was not a team to give up easily though and answered every time it looked like our crew was starting to take control. After Parry Sound's goal, Kyle Cooper completed the hat-trick on a nice feed from Ben Schmidt in behind the net.

Both teams traded goals again, Parry Sound bringing the score to within one before Alex Petrie head-manned the puck up to Josh Boice. Josh then flashed down the left side and roofed the puck over the goalie's glove.

The two-goal lead wasn't enough though and halfway through the second our team started to show fatigue. Thankfully, Josh Bellefleur stood tall when Parry Sound was awarded a penalty shot because before the period was over Parry Sound had tied the score with two quick goals.

The rest between periods was all the crew needed though, as they came back with an energetic start to the third period. Kyle Cooper scored his fourth of the game on a nice shot that snuck in just below the crossbar. But as they had done all game, Parry Sound answered the challenge and quickly tied it one last time for a 5-5 final.

The boys travel to Bracebridge Friday night before their home opener on Saturday in Minden at 6 p.m.

- Submitted by Jon Petrie



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

Please be advised that the Township of Algonquin Highlands is holding a Second Public Open House with respect to the preparation of a Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update, which is currently being undertaken in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act. All are invited to attend the Public Open House:

> WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2012 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dorset Recreation Centre WHERE:

1051 Main Street Dorset, Ontario

#### PURPOSE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

The Comprehensive Zoning By-law is the primary implementation tool of the Township's Official Plan and is the legal document which regulates how land can be used, as well as the type, size and location of buildings and structures on properties. The Township of Algonquin Highlands is currently reviewing its Comprehensive Zoning By-law, as required by the Planning Act and is intended to take into consideration:

- The Township's Official Plan, amended by the Five Year Review completed and approved in 2011;
- Provincial Policy Statement:
- The County of Haliburton Official Plan Update, approved in 2010;
- Existing regulations provided in the current Zoning By-law
- Updated Zoning Schedules; and,
- Public Input.

#### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

The Open House will not include a formal presentation or starting time. Participants are welcome to attend anytime during the time period noted to review the proposed Zoning By-law and ask questions or make comments respecting the Zoning Township staff and consultants from PLANSCAPE INC. will be in attendance to answer questions and discuss the

A formal Public Meeting will be held with Council at a later date prior to Council's consideration of the proposed Zoning By

NO KEY MAP has been provided as the Zoning By-law affects all lands within the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

ANY PERSON may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at the Open House or Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the proposed Zoning By-law is adopted; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Open House or Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the proposed Zoning By-law is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any comments, request for additional information or questions should be directed to either of the Project Team members

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Greg Corbett

### Hawks athletics open season

The following are HHSS sports briefs submitted by Judi Paul's class.

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

The senior boys' soccer team started the season against the league's top team from I.E. Weldon. The boys played tenacious defence in the first half and along with spectacular goaltending from Nate Feir were able to hold the Wildcats scoreless. In the second half, injuries were a factor in allowing the Wildcats to take over the game.

### Thursday, Sept. 20

The HHSS ladies' rugby team fell to LCVI's more experienced seniors; however, the Red Hawks demonstrated good game play and excellent drives in the second half.

The junior football team showed great promise in their first game and had a very close loss to St. Pete's. Game stars go to Joseph Patrick, Victor Townsend, Braden Roberts, and Ben Davis.



### **COUNTY OF HALIBURTON** LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matter

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

Applicant: Robert & Susan ROBINSON Location of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this  $26^{\text{th}}$  day of September, 2012

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# Has political correctness gone too far?



### **Patti Fleury**

Around the Town

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Has political correctness gone too far when the subject under criticism is none other than Santa Claus? Apparently a British Columbia author has now taken it upon herself to rewrite the Christmas classic The Night Before Christmas out of concerns that the image of Santa sets a bad example for children. This much beloved poem by Clement Moore was first published in the Troy Sentinel, New York State, on Dec. 23, 1823. Then titled An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas. Its rhyme has stood the test of time for 189 years until now. Why, you ask? Well Santa's lifestyle is the issue. Not only is he a pipe smoker but considerably overweight from digesting all those cookies, breaks into other people's houses and on occasion actually frightens small children. So where will it end?

There is that Snow White of the female persuasion spending her equally valuable time cleaning up after those eight messy little guys and naïve Red Riding Hood skipping through the dark forest unaccompanied by a trustworthy adult. For goodness sake take a deep breath and chill out.

This weekend communities across our nation will be joining in the celebration of Canada Culture Days. Here in Kinmount only on one of the three days, Saturday, Sept. 29, will there be a dedicated event. Set out at your own pace and timeframe on a self-directed historical walking tour of town guided by a brochure/map available at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and the Railway Station both designated stops on the tour. In the station be sure to visit the model railroad and museum between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and chat with the knowledgeable volunteers on duty. Make time to shop at the Kinmount Farmers' Market open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the park area and when passing by stop to view the ongoing renovations to the Austin Sawmill. David Anderson will be welcoming visitors to the Heritage Centre located at the junction of C.R. 121 and Hwy. 503 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nancy Caney, chairwoman of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild, will be your hostess at the marketplace in the lower level of the community centre. There the original stonewall, all that remains of the Canadian Order of Forrester's Hall destroyed by fire in 1922, can be seen as a backdrop for the creative displays of local arts and crafts on sale there.

The Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 Kinmount was an even busier spot last week with Legion Week being celebrated. Activities continue with Thanksgiving turkey bingo coming up this Friday, Sept. 28 with a \$500 must go jackpot and a free play for donations of a non-perishable item to the food bank. The Legion's annual car rally sets out on Sunday, Sept. 30 with non-members welcome to participate. Registration is at the branch at 9 a.m. and the cost includes lunch and prizes. For more information about ongoing programs including the dart leagues give branch 441 a call at 705-488-3462.



### **WINTER MAINTENANCE** he Highlands Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting quotations for a two year contract for snow removal at the Haliburton and Minden Hospital sites (2012-2014). Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Hospital/Hyland Crest Business Office, or the Haliburton Hospital Business Office, or can be faxed to you by calling (705) 457-1392 ext. 221.

Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Friday, October 19, 2012

Mark your calendars now for the Kinmount Thanksgiving Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On this 18th edition of the tour, sponsored by the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild, for the first time the Galway Hall will be a destination point with four guild members setting up there and potter Bernie Nicholson welcoming visitors to her home/studio Pottery in the Forest on the French Line off the Crystal Lake Road. Again this year Judy and Ed Bunville will open their country home on the Galway Road while at the Quilters Inn Barb Leffering and Karen Bottcher will be on hand to greet you. At the Artisans Marketplace located on the lower level of the community Centre pick up your brochure and chat with Lochlin artists Liz and Cyril in their off-site Workroom Studio while also viewing the many local arts and handcrafts on display. With all locations in

or close to Kinmount this tour can be fitted in nicely with other family holiday plans. For more details please go to www.kinmount.ca and click on the studio tour link.

Harvest Harmonies, a musical afternoon at the Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation to the Haliburton Highlands Grannies to support the work of the Stephen Lewis Foundation assisting African grandmothers raising their grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Along with the music take a tour of the Stouffer Mill and drop in to shop at the Grannies Store before enjoying mulled cider and refreshments. For more information please call 705-457-3919.

Until next week...



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"Gratitude Supper and Drum Circle" fundraiser at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Bracebridge on Saturday, Sept. 29 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The chili supper (vegetarian available) starts at 6:30 p.m. and the drum circle, cohosted by Gillian Thomas and Bazza Hayward starts at 7:30 p.m. Unique wearable art, exclusive Penny Tree designs and CDs by Abbey North Drummers will be availa-

Tickets are \$15 and are available in Bracebridge at the Bohemian Café, The Love Tree or at Penny Varney Jewellery. A penny jar will also be available to collect your cop-

Proceeds from the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign supports African grandmothers who care for orphans of the AIDS epidemic. Muskoka Lakes Grandmothers to Grandmothers are proud supporters of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For more information about the group and the SLF visit www.grandmotherscampaign. org and www.stephenlewisfoundation.org Lots of activities continue at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library; public internet, book sale, foot clinics, good food box program, Community Policing meetings, Dorset Sing Along, tai chi, quilters, needle workers, TOPS, ladies nights, employment services, yoga, drumming, book club, Lions Club meetings, adult volleyball and cooking classes to name a few. To find out more, contact the Recreation Centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968.

The next Dorset Ladies Night takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. All ladies are welcome to join the fun with a Thanksgiving theme. Ladies will make a beautiful thanksgiving table centre piece, play games and refreshments will be provided. Some supplies from home are needed for the centre piece so please give Lorraine a call to sign up and find out more. The cost is \$5 per person. Call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The Thanksgiving Dorset Arts and Crafts Show takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local crafters will be showcasing their hand made goods. Why not do some early Christmas shopping or pick up last minute treats for your Thanksgiving dinner? Interested crafters should contact the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

- Melissa Alfano

# community Calendar

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Quilting course on hand piecing, applique work, and how to finish the quilt. Afternoon and evening classes are available. Please phone 705-489-2973 for details on starting date, times, location, and cost.

**The Minden branch** of the Haliburton County Table Tennis Club plays every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Minden Community. Bring running shoes - everything else is provided. Info: Mary or Jeff 705-457-2260. All skill levels are welcome. The Haliburton **Branch** of the Haliburton County Table Tennis Club will resume play on September 10th at St. Georges Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street, every Monday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Just bring running shoes - everything else is supplied. Info: Mary or Jeff 705-457-2260. All skill levels are welcome.

**The Grief Journey-** A free bereavement support group. For 13 Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm starting September 18, 2012. Held downstairs at the Haliburton Family Health Centre Board Room 7217 Gelert Rd., Haliburton, ON. For further information call Sue Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club meetings every Wednesday 7-9p.m. at the United Church, in Minden. Everyone 18-80 is welcome. Eight-week short Speechcrafters courses also available. Contact info: Sybil at 286-2624 Ruth 455-9459

Sept 25: RCL Branch 636 Golf Tournament: Four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 1:00 at Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. \$50/person, includes 9 holes, power cart, dinner at the Legion & prizes. To sign up call 705-286-4541.

Sept 28, 19 & 30: October 5,6: Early Christmas Craft Sale 10am to 4pm, 3 Archie St.

SEPT 30: Harvest Harmonies, Stoffer Mill Bed and Breakfast Hwy 35 to Halls Lake from 2pm- 4pm Admission by donation to the Haliburton Highlands Grannies in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation

Oct 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at 7 PM Minden Community Center. Speaker Erika Thimm

October 20: Attention courageous men of Haliburton County! Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to help women and their children who come to YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County seeking help to live lives free from domestic abuse. Register today at www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com or call or text Sarah Adams, 705-457-0260. YWCA provides the shoes!

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

# Stand tall against violence on Oct. 20



**Gina Atkinson** 

Stanhope Life

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Sometimes news takes a little longer to reach these fingers but it's always great when they do! On Aug. 29 Tracy Nesbitt and Kathy Alcock were married at their home at Halls Lake. It was a small wedding with just a few friends and families on a lovely summer's day amongst a garden full of beautiful flowers. Attending the wedding was Kathy's daughter Kimberly who came home from Victoria for this event and also for Tracy's son Derek's wedding to Janelle Campbell on the Aug. 25. Congratulations!

Another week of birthdays has been celebrated; some months are just busier for birthdays than others. Celebrating their birthday on the 21st of this month were Sue Thomas, my neighbour Shiloh Melle and Nigel Atkinson who is of course, my husband. Judy Carpenter is one of the best cake decorators I know and because of this I was inspired to make Nigel's cake myself. As you can see I don't think I will be a threat to her business! It was just a fun thing to do; it reminded me of the past making birthday cakes for my girls. It's all in fun and really isn't that what life is all about? By the way if you haven't figured it out – it's my dog Bella.

There was a lull in activity and it's starting to pick up again so here we go. Saturday, Oct. 20 there will be a challenge to all the "courageous" men of Haliburton County. They are invited to walk a mile in red high-heeled shoes and "stand tall against violence." This should be good, since as all of us woman know looking good isn't always painless. I threw out my red high heel shoes many years



Gina took a stab at cake decoration this week. This is supposed to look like her dog, Bella.

ago and my feet are much happier because of this.

Anyways, this is a great way to show awareness and help women and their children who turn to the YWCA women's centre here in Haliburton for help living their lives free from domestic abuse

You can register now at www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com or at 10 a.m, Oct. 20 then start your walk at 11 a.m. The start and finish is at the Dominion Hotel, Minden where afterwards they have graciously sponsored a lunch. The route that will be walked is Minden Riverwalk. Haven't got the shoes? No problem, the YWCA provides the shoes to fit any size. So men - you have no excuses, but my advice to you is to register today so you can start practising.

For information please call Sarah Adams 705-457-0260 or sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca. This is one event I know I will not miss.

On Oct. 27 The Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant will be hosting a Masquerade Party or you can call it a Halloween Party, one just sounds just a little more interesting!

Masquerade balls have been in existence for centuries and they were complicated affairs with ballroom dresses, feather masks and hidden identities until midnight. Since we might not get a whole lot of people coming if this is expected we will only use the word masquerade since I like that better than Halloween. For those of you that like suspense you can leave your identity until midnight!

It will be a night of great music, prizes for best costume as well as door prizes! Tickets are only \$8 each in advance or \$10 at the door and can be purchased from Organic Times, Minden, Pine Reflections, Carnarvon and of course directly from Chris at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant, corner of Highway 118 and 35.

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We don't want to think about November just yet but it does happen! So, please mark Nov. 17 since this is when the third annual Minden Health Care Auxiliary Gala happens! I have been told that every year tickets sell out early so maybe now is a good time to buy yours.

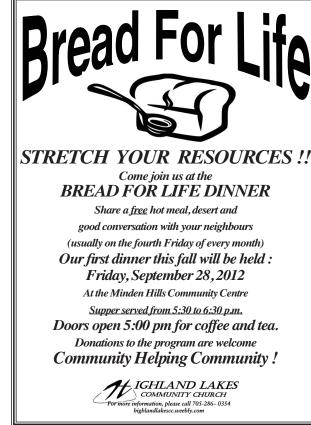
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In the next couple of weeks I will have more information for you regarding these events.

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### Coming Events







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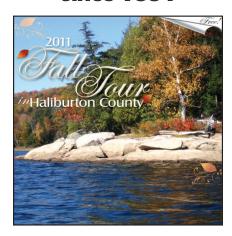
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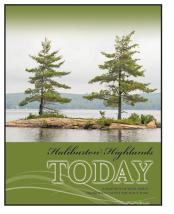


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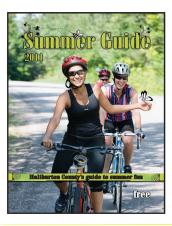
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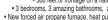


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# Autumn in the Garden

## Story and photos by Karen Sloan

Fall is a great time to get a many of those chores done still lingering on most gardeners" to-do lists.

It's a great time to get the jump on

By the time September rolls around, it's time to start thinking about planting some spring flowering bulbs. I do recommend planting bulbs as soon as possible only because I've been caught off guard once or twice myself when an early snow fall or frost has occurred, completely missing my opportunity.

However, bulbs can be planted right up until the ground freezes. It's best to select firm, disease-free bulbs. Consider how you choose vegetables at the market and treat bulb buying exactly the same way.

When planting large bulbs such as tulips and daffodils, it's best to dig down to at least six or eight inches. Smaller bulbs like grape hyacinth or crocus should be planted about three inches deep.

A good rule of thumb is to plant

bulbs two and a half times the depth of the bulb, and then an inch more, and, make sure to plant bulbs with pointed end up.

My favourite task is to clean up all the dead and decaying plant debris from my vegetable

and flower gardens, only because I've thanked myself the following spring when the snow melts and the new growing season can get underway minus one big job.

In the spring, all that debris is mushy and not much fun to deal with.

This cleanup includes weeds, and once again, you'll thank yourself next year!

Don't underestimate the power



of those few weeds left behind.

Looks can be deceiving. They're not dead, they're dormant, and will happily take their place tenfold next spring. Weeds have this amazing ability to spread fast, so my advice is to pull them out now.

Perennial flower beds can also be mulched, but I tend to do this later on in October or even November, depending on the weather, and only after the plants are dormant. A good organic mulch of three to four inches will aid the plants during those periods ahead when temperatures don't behave in an

expected seasonal fashion.

When this happens, the ground heaves as it freezes and thaws and root systems are forced to the surface of the soil, exposing them to the elements. Mulching will help maintain a more even temperature, keeping plants safe from what I like to call winterkill.

Don't tuck away the raised bed too soon. Many vegetables aren't affected by a light evening frost, so long as the days still warm up nicely.

Greens like lettuce and spinach often can be harvested within 30 days of planting. Got even more time before Jack Frost really settles in?

Think about carrots, broccoli or Swiss chard.

If you haven't started a compost pile, why not use all those leaves and the garden debris.

Throw in some lawn clippings, shredded twigs and vegetable and food waste that can be reapplied to your garden next year. Composted material is a great soil addition.

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# Presare your garden now for next year

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Another task I like to get done is to clean up and maintain all of those garden tools I abused all season.

Gardening tools will last for many seasons if they are properly maintained. Clean, sharp blades on spades, shovels, hoes, and shears will make garden work much easier.

Although tools should be cleaned

after every use, like me, most gardeners are too busy to even consider this.

By the end of the season, tools don't work as well, which makes pruning and digging more difficult.

Enjoy the beauty of fall after you've prepared your garden for winter

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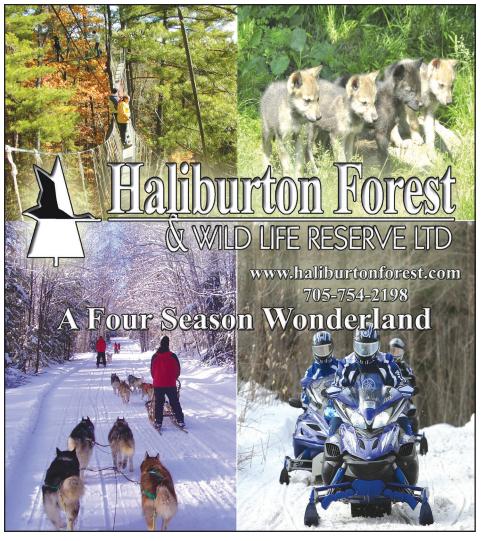
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# Thanksgiving at the Cottage

## Story and photo by Janet Trull

As the smell of turkey and pumpkin pie drifts down the road, we are thankful to be a cottaging family.

Even as we say goodbye to summer friends, we know that the little bit of Haliburton we keep in our hearts will get us through another winter.

The comfort of cottage routines reassures us that spring will come again. Putting the waterline in. Taking it out. Putting the docks in.

Taking them out. Whether it is a humble cabin or a sprawling family compound, a cottage is more than a building.

It is a refuge where a lifetime of May 24s and Thanksgivings mark the ebb and flow of the years. The best parts of cottage life cannot be purchased at any store. Here is a list of things to be thankful for at the cottage.

- A fire pit. The fire ban made us realize how much we love our fire. The birch bark. The wood shavings. The kindling. The match. Then somebody says, "I was just remembering...." and the stories start. Campfire voices connect us and protect us in the dark forest
- A dock. The water is lapping, the loons are calling, and the fish are jumping. Although no one is thankful for dock spiders, true cottagers have

learned to co-exist with them. Where else would they live?

- A challenge. It is a coming of age test. You must swim to the point and back, or around the island, or across the lake. If you don't, you will never, ever become an adult.
- A smell. Even if you were blindfolded, you would recognize it; that special smell that greets you when you walk in the back door of the cottage after being away.
- A bookshelf. Some cottages have full sets of *Hardy Boys* and *Nancy Drew*. Our cottage classic is *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We all aspire to be as good as Atticus Finch. Atticus, by the way, with his pipe and patience, would have been a very good cottager.
- A shed. It smells like decomposing leaves and mouse pee. This is where old life jackets go to die. Light filters in through chinks in the clapboards to reveal paint cans, the water skis that Dad learned on, and a jar of rusty nails that somebody might need one day.
- A ghost. Our ghost is Uncle Whit. He was rumoured to have buried a coffee can full of cash somewhere on the property, and we live in hope of finding it and striking it rich. A ghost comes in handy to explain strange sounds and missing keys.
- A game. Scrabble, Balderdash, Clue. Take your pick. Cards and dice

and a cribbage board give cottagers a break from electronics. There is nothing as gratifying as watching a teenager bent in silent concentration over the Boggle letters.

- A night sky. The constellations, as the song goes, reveal themselves one star at a time. Cassiopeia, vain queen of the summer sky, is easy to spot with her distinctive "W" shape. Meteor showers and northern lights and full moons never disappoint.
- A grave. After chasing red squirrels until his old hips gave out, the beloved family pet is buried under a pile of stones and broken hearts.
- A hammock. This simple invention is exactly what cottaging is all about. Lie down and listen to the birds. Look up into the branches. Let the gentle motion rock you into a bottomless nap.
- An outhouse. Ever notice how they all smell the same? It is very likely that you have neglected this old friend, letting it sink into the forest floor so that the door no longer opens. Still,

it serves as a good reminder that we should be thankful for indoor plumbing.

- A project. Maybe it is a ruined canoe, waiting for fibreglass. Maybe it is a partially finished stone wall. Maybe it is a jigsaw puzzle on the card table. Be thankful for the gift of puttering about.
- A memory dear to your heart. For me, it is the memory of my mother-in-law whose Thanksgiving preparations started days in advance. By the time we arrived at the cottage on Friday night, there were already smells that promised cranberry sauce and pies and special stuffing.

She rose early to put the turkey in the oven, because she liked to cook it on low heat for a long day of excruciating articipation

ing anticipation.

We still haul out her 1944 Mixmaster to mash the turnip and the potatoes, and then, as she taught us, we wash the beaters and the bowl and put them in the fridge to chill, ready to whip the cream for the pie.



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#### Story by Jerelyn Craden

The Studio Tour is in and of itself a must-see experience. But with the spectacular colours of fall and the Highlands' 600 lakes and magnificent Canadian Shield as its backdrop, you've got the addition of an original Mother Nature masterpiece.

'Visiting the Highlands in the fall should be on everyone's to-do list," said Ann Lavery, facilitator at Haliburton Highlands Visitor Centre. "Our tagline, 'A natural work of art,' describes it perfectly."

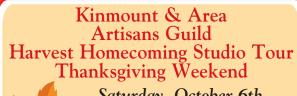
With so many exceptional ways to see the colours: walking trails, picnic areas, historic attractions and more, visitors are in for some excellent adventures along the Studio Tour trail.

#### **Haliburton Skyline Park**

A camera-lover's dream, the lookout offers a magnificent panoramic view of autumn's fiery colours embracing Head Lake, Head Lake Park and the village of Haliburton. To get there: Take Hwy. 118 five minutes east of Haliburton village.

**Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower** An extremely popular fall attraction, the Dorset

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# Hiking trails offer awesome view of landscape

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Tower, built in 1967, offers a breath-taking view of the colours from its observation deck 142 metres (465 feet) above Lake of Bays. The incline is fairly steep so sturdy shoes and a reasonable level of fitness are recommended. Facilities include an extensive picnic site, restrooms, a tourist information kiosk, a gift shop and a hiking trail. To get there: take Hwy. 35 just north of the village of Dorset. Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Sir Sam's Time Tunnel

A unique, fun way to see the fall colours is riding Sir Sam's Time Tunnel to the top of the ski hill. 1,100 feet long in two stages, the covered surface lift takes you to great hiking trails for an awesome view of the natural landscape below. Pack a picnic lunch or munch on Sir Sam's home-cooked fare in the chalet, open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To get there: take Hwy 118 to West Guilford, turn onto County Road 7, then veer right onto County Road 6. Follow 6 to the town of Eagle Lake. Go through County Road 14 to Sir Sam's Road and turn left to the ski area.

#### **Haliburton Forest Reserve & Wolf Centre**

Take the Wildwoods Walk (five kilometres), in a privately owned 70,000 acre forest, and venture among

autumn's fiery colours while enjoying hand-crafted Land Art created by local Haliburton artists from natural elements of the forest. Meet muchloved mascot, Hershey the moose. Chow down at the Cookhouse open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Or visit the Wolf Centre, home to a pack of captive timber wolves. To get there: take Highway 118, 35, or 121. At West Guilford, cross the bridge and take County Road 7 for approximately 20 kilometres (12 miles) to Base Camp. Come to the main office, sign a simple waiver of liability and enjoy!

#### High Falls Hiking Trail, South Algonquin Park

Barry Martin, experience broker with Yours Outdoors was quick to share his favourite autumn outing: "A wonderful adventure is a trip to Harcourt and along the scenic shores of Elephant Lake to the High Falls Hiking Trail in South Algonquin Park. A 20-minute walk will take you to a spectacular set of waterfalls framed by amazing autumn colours. Nearby is South Algonquin Trails where you can horseback ride among the massive trees. Then, dine at the Old Ridge Authentic Barbecue at the corner of Hwy. 648 and County Road 10 or at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt." To get there: take Hwy. 118 to Essonville Line. Turn left to Wilberforce. Turn left and follow Hwy. 648

to Harcourt. Turn left to County Road 10 past Elephant Lake to High Falls Hiking Trail.

#### Tory Hill Community Park & IB&O Rail Trail

It's easy to wax poetic about the drive along Hwy. 118 east from Haliburton to Tory Hill in the autumn and the picturesque Tory Hill Community Park at the corner of Hwys. 118 and 503. With the historic IB&O Rail Trail that runs from the park through the village along McCue Lake, home to beaver and heron, wetlands worthy of a Kodak moment, plus a children's playground, it's a great place to picnic, play and hike. To get there: take Hwy.

118 east from Haliburton until it meets County Road 503.

#### **Ritchie Falls**

This beautiful spectacle of rushing waters is, perhaps, one of the Highlands' most photographed places and well worth a visit, especially in the fall. With Mother Nature at her best, this natural, rustic area inspires the imagination and refreshes the spirit. To get there: Take County Road 1 (Gelert Road) to Ritchie Falls in Lochlin.

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# Sculpture Forest offers unique artistic experience



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## Story and photo by Chad Ingram

Quilts are made not just with bits of material, but also with love, Barb Leffering says. Leffering, who owns Kinmount's Quilter's Inn, will be part of the Kinmount and Area Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour on Thanksgiving weekend.

"They're memories," she says. "I believe there are no ugly quilts."

There are certainly no ugly quilts here. Quilter's Inn, which is also Leffering's home, is filled with colourful quilts made by a woman who clearly knows what she's doing.

She started back in 1995, at the encouragement of sister, Shirley, who was already quilting.

"My sister came out [from Saskatchewan] and said, 'you've got to make a quilt," Leffering explains. "She really enjoyed quilting and thought that I would."

Leffering had done some sewing in her younger years, recalling hemming a pair of pants as girl.

"I made a hell of a mess and my mother made me wear them," she laughs. "My feeling, even though I'm a



Barb Leffering wraps herself in one of her quilts outside her Kinmount business. Quilter's Inn is part of this year's Kinmount and Area Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour.

quilter, is that machines were made to sew so that I don't have to."

Leffering does the sewing on her quilts using a hand-guided, long-arm

quilting machine, a gigantic contraption located in her sunroom.

Quilting seems to run in the family. Along with Leffering and her sister, their mother, pushing 90, also quilts, as does Leffering's son, Brenton.

One of his pieces earned a thirdplace finish at the fair this year.

Why does Leffering enjoy quilting so much?

"The art, bright colours . . . I love fabric," she says.

The Fabric Shack, housed in Leffering's garage, is a cornucopia of colours containing a plethora of patterns.

Along with selling her quilts, doing customized commissions and giving lessons, she also sells fabric and quilting supplies.

Quilter's Inn also offers mini retreats where quilters can rent a bedroom in Leffering's house for the weekend and use her quilting tables and equipment.

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# On the water

#### Story and photo by Steve Galea

The lake is the same; it is the season that's different.

The power boats of summer are gone – all but a few trailered home and stored for the year.

The sounds of jet skis and big outboards are a distant memory. Their rooster tails replaced by silent foam lines sprawled across the surface. The whoops and fireworks of summer have left us too. All that remains is the hiss of wind on water and the sound of the paddle.

Canoeing now takes a bit of effort. My boat's bow bucks in the wind and waves. If I break stride for just one moment, I am swept sideways. If I rest, my canoe and I will be swept towards the leeward shore.

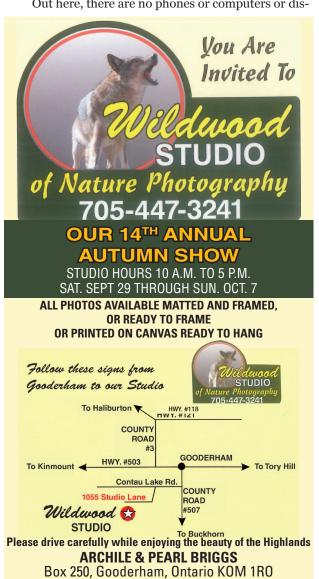
So I immerse myself in the rhythm of the paddle. I fine tune that J-stroke so that my bow cuts the waves and splits the wind. And I open my eyes to the wonder that surrounds me.

The lake is, once again, the domain of herons, gulls, loons and the mergansers that race and wheel across the horizon.

Below, the weed beds have receded for yet another season and the fish, if they are near, are not keen on the fly I am dragging.

For once, it doesn't matter. I am enjoying the solitude

Out here, there are no phones or computers or dis-



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tractions. The air is fresh and cool with a hint of cedar; the sun is bright and high and warm.

The lake, for all intents and purposes, is mine for the moment.

Here I am, teetering precariously on the edge of seasons. Behind me are the soft, velvet nights of summer; ahead are crisp, autumn evenings that grasp stars firmly and squeeze every last ounce of brilliance out of

I cannot help but look forward to it.

Autumn, for me, has always been a time to marvel most at what nature has to offer. It is a season that ages gracefully from green to white. And, in between, there are those colours that turn placid lakes into stained glass and hint that the world is one big cathedral.

Out here on the water, as the days get shorter, a brooding loneliness will grow. There will be visits by die-hard fishermen, canoeists and kayakers. On some lakes, the duck hunters like me will ride the pre-dawn waves and watch sunrise slip over the trees and the flights pass through.

But, for the most part, we abandon our waters come autumn.

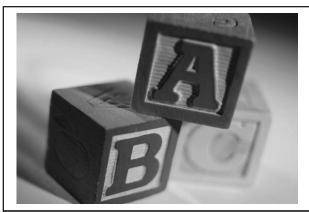
And so here I am saying goodbye. For this is a lake I will not hunt ducks upon. And though I might fish it a few more times, the magic of that sport abandons me when the leaves begin to carpet the woods and my breath forms mist in the cool air of morning.

It seems right that this lake should be given a rest from the motors and the noise and the cannon-balling kids of summer. It seems fitting that solitude should return to it, if only for a while.

I paddle some more and head out to the centre. I've stopped fishing long ago. Now I only go through the motions.

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# Kinmount tour offers something for everyone

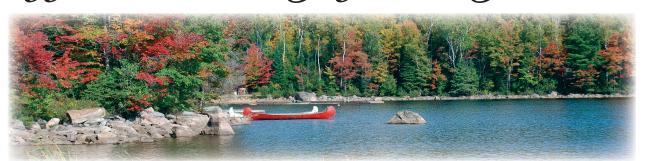
Looking for a special way to celebrate Thanksgiving weekend while enjoying the colourful autumn landscape with family and friends? Plan to travel along the 18th Kinmount and Area Thanksgiving Homecoming Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

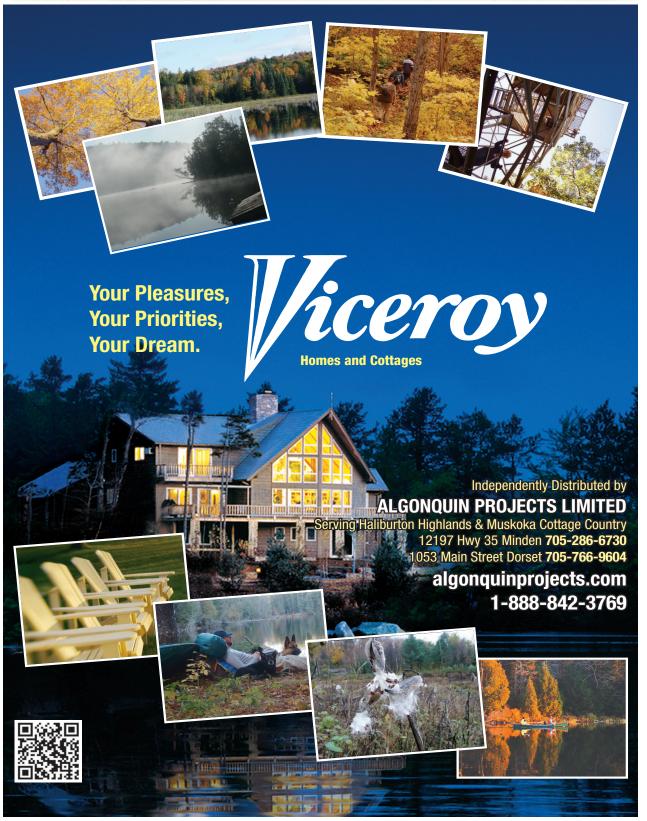
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